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In Memoriam

Joseph E. Michael, Jr.

October 1, 1923 – May 26, 2005

Joseph (Joe) Michael, local attorney who also served as Durham Town Moderator, died on May 26, 2006.

Joe was born the youngest of nine children to Antoinette and Joseph Michael on October 1, 1923 at Dover Hospital. He graduated from Rochester High School and was proud to have earned the honor of Eagle Scout. He entered Dartmouth College with the Class of 1945, but his studies were interrupted by military service in the Army Air Corps. After returning to New Hampshire, he resumed his college career, graduating from Dartmouth and the Boston University School of Law in 1950.

In 1949, Joe married his wife, Shirley Whiting Michael, and they raised two children, Christine and Joseph E. III. He began practicing law in Rochester. He was later appointed District Court judge of Durham, and most recently had been Of Counsel in the law firm of Swanson and Hand in Newmarket. A member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, he was licensed to practice in federal court. He also served as a Director of the First National Bank of Rochester and as a Director and General Counsel for the Profile Bank FSB. He taught undergraduate and graduate law courses at the University of New Hampshire for more than four decades.

Upon moving to Durham, where he was a resident for more than 50 years, Joe served the Durham community as its Town Moderator for many years, helping to guide the Town when the proposed Onassis oil refinery threatened New Hampshire's seacoast. A founding member of St. George's Episcopal Church in Durham, and an active church member for more than 50 years, he was a trustee of the Diocease of New Hampshire and a delegate to many state and national conventions. Additionally, he served as a pension fund trustee of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States for many years.

Joe's life was enriched by his love of the outdoors. He delighted in his hours on the water at his cottage on Crystal Lake, during his annual fishing trip to Moosehead Lake in Maine, while boating on Little Bay, and when sailing the eastern Atlantic Coast. He was a ticket holder and an avid enthusiast of all sports at the University of New Hampshire, and he spent many summers coaching Little League baseball in Durham. He enjoyed traveling in the United States and Europe, but his most treasured moments were spent with his family and close friends. □

In Memoriam

Donald M. Sumner

October 21, 1931 - September 27, 2005

Donald M. Sumner, local architect who also served as a Durham Selectman and then as a Town Councilor, died on September 27, 2005.

Don was born in Newport, the son of Reginald Flint Sumner and Marion (Drew) Sumner. He attended Towle High School in Newport and the University of New Hampshire, after which he made Durham his home along with his wife of 55 years, Margaret "Marney" Strong Sumner, and their three children Pamela, Donald, and Douglas. Don was a registered architect, specializing in the design of educational, correctional, and nursing home facilities in northern New England. From 1973-81 he owned and operated I.W. Hersey Associates. He was a self-employed architect from 1981-95 and was a partner in the firm of Sumner-Davis Architects, Inc., Portsmouth, from 1995 to the present. He served in the New Hampshire Board of Registration of Architects from 1977-82 and on the New Hampshire Historic Preservation Review Board as chairman from 1975-80.

In addition to his professional life, Don was very active in a number of service organizations including: the Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 15 in Newport, since 1954, the Rising Star Lodge No. 47 in Newmarket, and the St. James Lodge No. 102 in Hampton. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Portsmouth, Consistory of the Valley of Nashua, York Rite Bodies of Rochester, Bektash Temple in Concord, Eastern Star Crescent Chapter No. 45 in Northwood, Anniversary Lodge of Research No. 175 F&AM, New Hampshire Society of Veteran Free Masons, and General William Whipple Lodge (serving as secretary-treasurer since 1983). He received the Meritorious Service Award from the New Hampshire Council of Deliberation.

Don was also very active in the Durham community, where he was a member of the Board of Selectmen (1964-71), member (1978-87) and former chairman of the Budget Committee, member of the Town Council (1987-90 - Chairman 1990), and the Economic Development Committee (1997-98). He also served on the board of directors of Durham Housing Association (1985 to present) and served as chairman for several terms.

Since 1971 he has been a member of the 1st New Market Colonial Militia Co. and was a longtime participant as one of the presenters of colonial history in area elementary schools. He was active in organizing the re-enactment of Stark's March to Bennington in 1977 and the Rochambeau/Washington March to Yorktown in 1981. Further, Don was an 18-year member of Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club and served as president from 1994-95. He was also an active member of the Durham Historic Association.

Don was a member and past president of New Hampshire Society Sons of The American Revolution (SAR); member, past governor and present secretary of New Hampshire Society of the Order of Founders and Patriots of America; member of New Hampshire Society of Colonial Wars; Mayflower Society of New Hampshire; member, past president and present treasurer of Huguenot Society of New Hampshire. □

In Memoriam

Alden Winn

1916 – August 27, 2005

Alden L. Winn, former chairman of the UNH Department of Electrical Engineering and longtime Durham Selectman, died on August 27, 2005.

Alden was born in Portsmouth to Ethel (Dore) Winn and William H. Winn. He was educated in the Portsmouth schools and at the University of New Hampshire, MIT, and the University of Illinois. He was Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering at UNH where for many years he served as the department's chairman.

Alden worked on significant research in medical and ocean instrumentation and had been a Visiting Scientific Investigator at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and Herriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, Scotland. After retirement he continued teaching and wrote and administered a grant for training New Hampshire math and science teachers to improve their use of laboratory experimentation as a teaching tool.

He was a retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He served as a radar officer in World War II and received a Bronze Star medal for setting up and directing anti-tank defenses during the Battle of the Bulge.

Alden was also very active in the Durham community. For many years he served as a Selectman and as First Selectman. He was a major part of Durham's defense against Aristotle Onassis' plan to build a refinery there. He co-founded the Durham Playfarers, a community theater group, and often acted and directed in their productions. □

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Honorable Mentions

In 2005 many Town citizens volunteered their time, talents, and efforts to serve on various elected and appointed boards, commissions, and committees. We would like to take this opportunity to thank and recognize those individuals for the important contributions they made to the community.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

W. Arthur Grant
Annmarie Harris

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Cynthia Cote
Catherine Leach
William Schoonmaker
Albert Frost

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Ann Lemmon
Rebecca B. Worcester

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Wendy Snow Fogg

LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Marilyn Dewey

PLANNING BOARD

Amanda Merrill

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Sally Craft

New Faces for 2005

Thomas Madden
Director, Durham Public Library
Date of Hire: 10/17/05

Edward G. Cilley
Parking Enforcement Officer
Date of Hire: 4/25/05

David Cedarholm
Town Engineer
Date of Hire: 10/28/05

Burton J. Austin, II
Public Works Department
Date of Hire: 11/28/05

Glen A. Clark
Public Works Department
Date of Hire: 11/14/05

Luke Vincent
Computer Information Technology Mgr.
Date of Hire: 11/21/05

Officers, Boards, Commissions and Committees

Elected Officials

DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
Malcolm Sandberg, *Chair*	15 Langley Rd.	868-2350	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Diana Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
John Kraus	7 Cutts Rd.	868-1929	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Mark D. Morong	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Gerald Needell	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Neil Niman	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Peter Smith	PO Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Karl Van Asselt	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Douglas L. Wheeler, *Chair*	27 Mill Rd.	868-9633	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
John Caulfield	8 Woodside Dr.	868-2220	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Luci S. Gardner	61 Durham Pt. Rd.	Unlisted	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Suzanne K. Loder	265 Mast Rd.	868-7532	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Edward Valena	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Ann McAllister Windsor	16 Riverview Rd.	868-2004	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Julian Smith	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Katie Ellis, *Alt.*	26 Coe Dr.		1 Yr	4/06	Council
Susan Roman, *Alt.*	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	1 Yr	4/06	Council
Pamela Weeks Worthen, *Alt.*	14 Newmarket Rd.	868-5026	1 Yr	4/06	Council

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Gus Hedden, *Director*	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Laura Matheny, *Children's Librarian*	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Nicole Moore, *Library Asst.*	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Margaret Thrasher	7 Mill Rd., Unit H	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees

MODERATOR

Anne F. Valenza	30 Mill Rd.	868-9666	2 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Elisabeth Vail Maurice, *Asst.*	36 Woodman Ave.	868-7447	2 Yrs	3/06	Moderator
Christopher Regan, *Asst.*	16 Littlehale Rd.	868-2293	2 Yrs	3/06	Moderator
Shirley Thompson, *Asst.*	48 Bagdad Rd.	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/06	Moderator

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Ann Shump, *Chair*	10 Fogg Dr.	868-1342	6 Yrs	3/08	Elected
VACANT			6 Yrs	3/10	Elected
VACANT			6 Yrs	3/06	Elected

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR					
Lorrie Pitt	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
TOWN TREASURER					
Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
William Bowes, *Deputy*	5 Magrath Rd.	868-2906	3 Yrs	3/08	Treasurer
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERIES					
Craig Seymour, *Chair*	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, *Treasurer*	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
John W. de Campi	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

CEMETERY COMMITTEE					
John W. de Campi, *Treasurer*	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	3/06	Elected
Craig Seymour, *Cemetery*	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	3/07	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, *Chair*	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/08	Elected
Mark D. Morong, *Council Rep*	21 Emerson Rd.	868-2863	1 Yr	3/06	Council
Julian Smith, *Council Rep*	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	1 Yr	3/06	Council
Peter Smith, *Council Rep*	PO Box 136	868-7500	1 Yr	3/06	Council
CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
Dwight Baldwin, *Chair*	6 Fairchild Dr.	868-5759	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Duane Hyde, *Vice Chair*	47 Emerson Rd.	868-6183	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Lee Alexander, *Secretary*	32 Dover Rd.	868-5822	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Beryl Harper	7 Davis Ave.	868-3369	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
George Thomas	77 Piscataqua Rd.	868-5606	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Cynthia Belowski, *Alt.*	35 Edgewood Rd.	868-5562	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Jim Hellen, *Alt.*	20 Fitts Farm Rd.	397-5011	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
VACANT, *Alt.*			3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Richard Ozenich, *PB Rep*	15 Fitts Farm Dr.	868-6091	1 Yr	4/06	Plan. Brd
Peter Smith, *Council Rep*	PO Box 136	868-7500	1 Yr	3/06	Council
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION					
Crawford Mills, *Chair*	22 Newmarket Rd.	868-1410	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Leslie Schwartz, *V. Chair*	24 Laurel Ln.	868-3210	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Catherine Leach, *Secretary*	14 Fairchild Dr.	868-5992	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Erich Ingelfinger	35 Bagdad Rd.	868-3980	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Roger Jaques	47 Dover Rd.	868-3361	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Nicholas Isaak, PB Rep	35 Oyster River Rd.	397-5078	1 Yr	4/06	Plan. Brd
Karl Van Asselt, *Council Rep*	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr	3/06	Council
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE					
John E. Parry, *Chair*	5 Denbow Rd.	868-3352	3 Yrs	4/06	Council

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
Parks and Recreation Committee continued					
Frank L. Pilar, Secretary	26 Newmarket Rd.	868-5326	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Kenneth Andersen	16 Garden Ln.	868-9660	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Jane G. Crooks	1 Hamel Dr.	868-5451	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
George Lamb	12 Nobel K. Peterson Dr.	868-5599	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Melanie Rose	15 Cutts Rd.	868-5311	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Denny Byrne, *Alt.*	4 Foss Farm Rd.	868-2648	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Neil Niman, *Council Rep.*	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	1 Yr	3/06	Council
PLANNING BOARD					
Richard Kelley, *Chair*	47 Stagecoach Rd.	659-2207	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Kevin Webb, *V. Chair*	22 Davis Ave.	868-6949	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
W. Arthur Grant, *Secretary*	Box 598	868-5936	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Nicholas Isaak, III	35 Oyster River Rd.	397-5078	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Richard Ozenich	15 Fitts Farm Dr.	868-6091	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Stephen Roberts,	174 Packers Falls Rd.	659-3761	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Susan Fuller, *Alt.*	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Annmarie Harris, *Alt.*	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5258	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
William McGowan, *Alt.*	135 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8210	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Lorne Parnell, *Alt.*	2 Deer Meadow Rd.	868-1240	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Jerry Needell, *Council Rep.*	36 Bagdad Rd.	868-1552	1 Yr	3/06	Council
Diana Carroll, *Alt Council Rep.*	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	1 Yr	3/06	Council
RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION					
Paul Berton	482 Broad St, Portsmouth	431-0068	N/A	N/A	Council
Rene Kelly, *Durham Police*	86 Dover Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Perry Bryant, *DLA Rep.*	PO Box 1170, Durham	659-5263	N//A	N/A	DLA
Mark Henderson	12 Pendexter Rd. Madbury	868-2912	N/A	N/A	DLA
Ben Barrows	83 Main St., UNH, MUB 122		N/A	N/A	UNH
Brett Mongeon	83 Main St., UNH MUB 122		N/A	N/A	UNH
Mark D. Morong, *Council Rep.*	21 Emerson Rd.	868-2863	1 Yr	3/06	Council
Nate Smith, *Student Organ.*	40 Gables Way, UNH	N/A	N/A	N/A	DLA/Council
Jill Dvorak, *Tenant Rep.*	22 Garrison Ave, Unit 2	867-6694	N/A	N/A	Council
Diane Woods, *Neighborhood Rep.*	21 Garden Ln.	868-2962	N/A	N/A	Council
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT					
Jay Gooze, *Chair*	9 Meadow Rd.	868-2497	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Edward McNitt, *Vice Chair*	PO Box 577	868-1842	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
John deCampi, *Secretary*	55 Adams Point Rd.	868-9665	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Bogle, Linn	3 Croghan Ln.	868-5795	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Henry Smith	93 Packers Falls Rd.	659-8396	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Myleta Eng, *Alt.*	216 Packers Falls Rd	659-7099	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Michael Sievert, *Alt.*	28 Riverview Road	868-3383	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
VACANT, *Alt.*			3 Yrs	4/07	Council

TOWN WORKING COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A PERMANENT SITE FOR THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY					
Suzanne Loder, *Chair*	265 Mast Rd.	868-7532	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls Rd.	659-7992	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Gus Hedden, *Library Director*	PO Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Duane Hyde	47 Emerson Rd.	868-6183	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Mike Lynch, *Public Works Dir.*	100 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Neil Niman, *Councilor*	10 Cold Spring Rd.	862-3336	1 Yr.	3/06	Council
Katie Paine	51 Durham Pt. Rd.	397-5157	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Edward Valena	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Douglas Wheeler	27 Mill Rd.	868-9633	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
DURHAM CABLE ACCESS TELEVISION (DCAT) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE					
Peter Brown	35 Sandy Brook Dr.	868-7448	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
Carroll Camp	8 Sandybrook Dr.	868-3236	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
George Kachadorian	9 Carriage Way	397-5215	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Kathleen Kentner	69 Mill Rd.	868-5535	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	3 Yrs	4/07	Council
Thomas Merrick	7 Canney Rd.	868-1564	3 Yrs	4/08	Council
Erika Mantz, *UNH Rep.*	Schofield House, UNH	862-1567	1 Yr	4/06	Council
Paul Gasowski, *ORCSD Rep.*	46 Lamprey Ln., Lee	659-5273	1 Yr	4/06	Council
Julian Smith, *Council Rep.*	246 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2098	1 Yr	3/06	Council
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (EDC)					
Susan Fuller	68 Bennett Rd.	659-7871	N/A	N/A	Council
Mark McPeak	4 Glassford Ln.	868-2455	N/A	N/A	Council
Peter Ventura	71 Edgewood Rd.	397-5800	N/A	N/A	Council
Chris Wilson	9 Cold Spring Rd.	659-3016	N/A	N/A	Council
Jim Campbell, *Planner*	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	1 Yr	N/A	Council
Mark Morong, *Council Rep.*	21 Emerson Rd.	868-6025	1 Yr.	3/06	Council
Karl Van Asselt, *Council Rep.*	17 Fairchild Dr.	868-6353	1 Yr.	3/06	Council
INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Shelley Mitchell, *Chair*	5 Denbow Rd.	868-3352	N/A	N/A	Council
Merle Craig	23 Orchard Drive	868-2591	N/A	N/A	Council
Neal W. Ferris	24 Woodridge Rd.	868-1521	N/A	N/A	Council
Jessie McKone	35 Dover Rd.	868-7371	N/A	N/A	Council
Dale Valena	9 Bagdad Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Council
Tracy Wood	1 Littlehale Rd.	868-6214	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
John Kraus, *Council Rep.*	7 Cutts Rd.	868-1929	1 Yr	3/06	Council
LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
Cynthia Belowski	35 Edgewood Rd.	868-5562	3 Yrs	4/07	State

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT. AUTH.
Lamprey River Advisory Committee continued					
James Hewitt	4 Fairchild Dr.	868-3516	3 Yrs	12/05	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	4/07	State
Daniel G. Miner	1 Sullivan Falls Rd.	659-3701	3 Yrs	7/04	State
Judith Spang	55 Wiswall Rd.	659-5936	3 Yrs	4/07	State
VACANT			3 Yrs	4/07	State
PDA NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE					
Craig Seymour	110 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2441	3 Yrs	4/06	Council
STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MPO POLICY)					
Richard Kelley	47 Stagecoach Rd.		4 Yrs	4/07	Council
VACANT			4 Yrs	4/06	Council
VACANT			4 Yrs	4/08	Council
SMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
James Campbell, *Dir. of Planning and Community Development*	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	1 Yr	6/05	Council
UNH OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL STUDY COMMITTEE (Joint UNH/Town)					
Town Reps.					
Cheryle St. Onge	8 Wiswall Rd.	659-7528	N/A	N/A	Council
Ken Rotner	36 Madbury Rd.	868-5080	N/A	N/A	Council
Edward Valena	Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2174	N/A	N/A	Council
Marjorie Wolfson	12 Fairchild Dr.	868-5192	N/A	N/A	Council
Robbi Woodburn	6 Cormorant Circle	659-5949	N/A	N/A	Council
Diana Carroll	54 Canney Rd.	868-2935	N/A	N/A	Council

UNH Reps.

Kevin Charles, *VP for Student Affairs*
Allan Braun, *Asst. VP of Facilities*
Denny Byrne, *Dir., Campus Rec.*
Linda Hayden, *Asst. Dir., Campus Rec.*
Doug Bencks, *UNH Campus Planner*

Richard "Dick" Martin

Parking Enforcement Officer

On May 20, 2005, Richard "Dick" Martin retired from the Police Department after ten years of service as the Town's Parking Enforcement Officer.

On January 17, 1995, Richard "Dick" Martin began working for the Town of Durham after responding to an advertisement placed by the Police Department seeking a part-time Parking Enforcement Officer. This was the type of job he was looking for as he had recently retired from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard after having served sixteen years in a supervisory position. Prior to his employment at the Shipyard, Dick retired from the United States Air Force after twenty years of service as a Noncommissioned Officer, completing tours in Germany, Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.

After two years of employment with the Town, Dick was approached by Sergeant Rene Kelley, now Deputy Chief Kelley, and was asked whether he would be interested in attending the part-time Police Academy. Always open to new experiences, he eagerly accepted. He felt that his attendance at the Academy would allow him to work traffic details and assist the Police Department when additional officers were needed to cover various functions held at the University of New Hampshire, or to assist with civil disturbances.

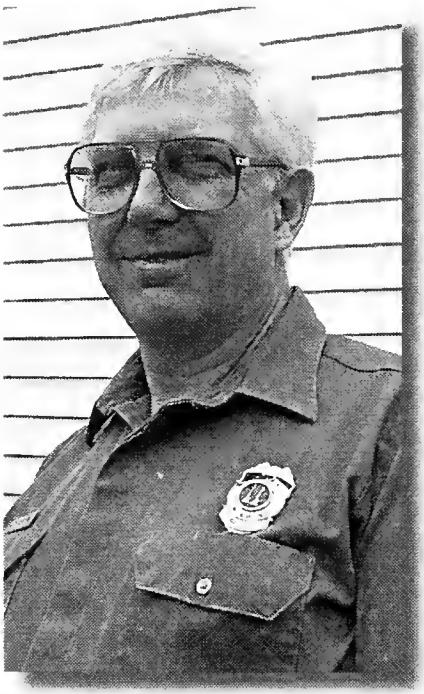
When the Police Department moved to its new location on Dover Road in 1997, Dick took on the additional responsibility of Animal Control Officer. In that capacity he was responsible for picking up stray animals and transporting them to the local SPCA in Stratham so that they would be placed in a safe environment. On a number of occasions, Dick even received calls about removing bats from resident's homes. Wild animals that were thought to be rabid had to be transported to the state laboratory in Concord for examination.

Dick's quiet and levelheaded demeanor, jovial personality, and common sense approach to his work resulted in an enhanced experience for visitors to the downtown area. His service to the Town of Durham is very much appreciated and highly regarded. We wish Dick and his family the very best upon this, his third, retirement. □

Retirement

Thomas Richardson

Fire Captain



On May 17, 2005, Thomas "Tom" Richardson retired from the Fire Department after completing thirty years in the profession.

Captain Thomas "Tom" Richardson was born in Georgetown, South Carolina and grew up in Nashua, New Hampshire. Upon graduation from High School, he attended the New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College in Nashua, New Hampshire where he received an Associates degree in Electrical-Mechanical Drafting in 1973. In 1980, he earned a second Associates degree in Fire Protection from the New Hampshire Vocational-Technical College in Laconia, New Hampshire.

On April 30, 1975, Tom began his career with the Durham/UNH Fire Department as a firefighter. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on February 18, 1986 and to Captain on January 15, 1987.

Throughout his career, Tom attended numerous training programs, eventually focusing his attention in the field of rescue. He was placed in charge of Fire Department rescue operations where he determined the types of equipment needed for the department, developed rescue guidelines, and conducted a Town-wide rescue scenario risk assessment for the department. With changing Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety standards regarding confined space entry, Tom spent a year researching and evaluating the OSHA defined confined spaces within the community.

In addition to his professional service to the Town, Tom also served as a volunteer with the Durham Ambulance Corps acting in the positions of Operations Vice President in 1979 and Treasurer in 1981, as well as serving on the Town Budget Committee during the years 1979-1982.

Over the years, Tom received many letters of appreciation and commendations including a Class 3 Medal of Honor Meritorious Service Award from the New Hampshire Fire Service Committee on May 7, 1994, as well as an Honorable Mention from the New Hampshire Fire Service Committee in 1999, the Durham Fire Department's Fire Officer of the Year award in 1995, and two New Hampshire Committee of Merit Unit Citations for operations during civil disturbances in 2003. Tom was one of eight firefighters who received special recognition in 1996 for operating above and beyond the call of duty at the spectacular Malden Mills fire in Methuen, Massachusetts where he and the other firefighters persevered and fought the fire all around them, protecting a nine million dollar ($9,000,000) addition that housed the company's polar fleece manufacturing plant. By doing so, 3,000 jobs were preserved at the plant.

The Town of Durham extends its thanks to Tom for his dedicated service to the community over the past three decades, and appreciates the support that his wife Betsy and daughters Ellen and Martha have given him over the years. Best wishes to Tom upon his retirement. □

Ronald "Ron" O'Keefe

Fire Chief

On May 13, 2005, Ron was recognized for his 16 years of service to the Town at a reception held in his honor at the Three Chimneys Inn. He was presented with a plaque by Town Council Chairman Malcolm Sandberg on behalf of the Town.

On May 30, 2005, Ronald "Ron" O'Keefe retired from the Fire Department after completing twenty-seven years in the profession. Sixteen of those years were with the Town of Durham as its Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Ronald "Ron" O'Keefe began his fire service career with the Derry Fire Department in 1978 and worked his way up to the rank of Lieutenant. In 1989, he took the Assistant Fire Chief job for the Town of Durham, and was subsequently promoted to Chief of the department in October of 1998.

Ron received his Associates degree in Fire Science and a Bachelors degree in Fire Service Administration. He is a New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Firefighter Level 3, Fire Officer Level 4 (1st in the state to receive this level), and a Senior Instructor for the New Hampshire Fire Academy. He was the 64th fire chief in the nation to become accredited and receive the national designation of Chief Fire Officer.

Ron has been a national speaker on college/university fire safety, speaking at the International Association of Fire Chiefs conference in Dallas, Texas in 2002, the New England College & University Fire Safety Officers Associations annual meeting in Connecticut in 2003, and most recently was the keynote speaker for the 2005 International Association of Campus Fire Safety Officials conference held in Columbus, Ohio. He is past president of the Seacoast Chief Fire Officers Association, was appointed by Governor Shaheen for a three-year term on the New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission, was a member of the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs Board of Directors, and represented the New Hampshire Association of Fire Chiefs on the Permissible Fireworks Review Committee.

Ron remains active in the community as the current President of the Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay. In addition, he recently received and "Academy Award", the highest award issued by the New Hampshire Fire Standards and Training Commission for efforts in improving fire and life safety on college/university campuses in the state and the country, along with educating firefighters within the State of New Hampshire.

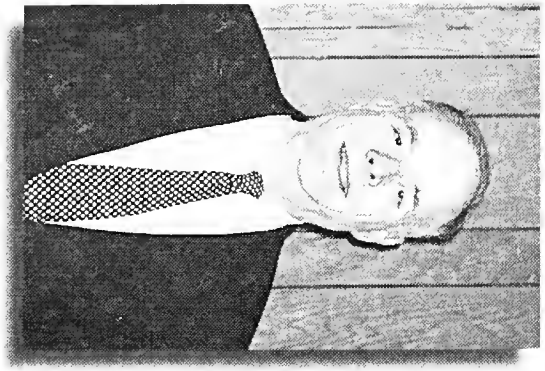
Upon his retirement from Durham, Ron accepted a position at the New Hampshire Municipal Association Local Government Center as a Risk Management Representative. We all wish Ron and his family the very best. □

Town Council Members

Karl Van Asselt
Term: 3/04 - 3/07

Jerry Needell
Term: 3/04 - 3/07

Diana Carroll
Term: 3/05 - 3/08



Peter Smith
Term: 3/04 - 3/07

Neil Niman
Term: 3/03 - 3/06

John Kraus
Term: 3/03 - 3/06

Malcolm Sandberg
Term: 3/03 - 3/06

Julian Smith
Term: 3/05 - 3/08

Mark Morong
Term: 3/05 - 3/08

Town Election Results 2005

FOR COUNCILOR *(Three, 3-year terms)*

Diana Carroll	524
Susan L. Fuller	118
Richard Kelley	363
Mark D. Morong	528
Julian Smith	397
Pat Houle (write-in)	1
Pete Chinburg (write-in)	1

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE *(Two, 3-year terms)*

John Caulfield	320
Gerard L. Morin	164
Ann McAllister Windsor	323
Scattered (write-in)	5

FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE *(One, 2-year term)*

Ed Valena	607
Scattered (write-in)	4

FOR TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR *(One, 3-year term)*

Lorrie Pitt	649
Scattered (write-in)	3

FOR TOWN TREASURER *(One, 3-year term)*

Richard Lilly	586
Pat Houle (write-in)	1

FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND *(One, 3-year term)*

Bruce Bragdon	627
Scattered (write-in)	3

Warrant 2006

Election, Tuesday, March 14, 2006

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, the County of Strafford, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School Multipurpose Room, located on Coe Drive in said Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March 2006 (the polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors (3-year terms); two (2) Durham Public Library Board of Trustees (3-year terms); one Moderator (2-year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (4-year term); and one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term).

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

Councilors of Durham:

Malcolm Sandberg, *Chair*
Neil Niman, *Chair Pro Tem*
Diana Carroll
John Kraus
Mark Morong
Gerald Needell
Julian Smith
Peter Smith
Karl Van Asselt

Business Office

Paul J. Beaudoin

The mission of the Business Office is to provide support services to all Town departments by working interactively with Department Heads and their staff. Our goal is to provide timely and reliable information by which department managers, the Town Administrator and ultimately the Town Council can make informed decisions in the best interest of the Town.

Specifically the Business Office provides accounting, purchasing, payroll, assessing, computer support services, accounts receivable billing, and collection and cash management services for the Town. Additionally, we provide support to the Town Administrator in preparation of the annual operating budget and the ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. The Business Manager is also designated as the Welfare Officer for the Town.

Financial Analyst, Gail Jablonski, having completed almost five years in the office, has maintained the Town's financial records at a level never before seen in Durham. This year Gail completed her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting.

Administrative Assistant, Lisa Beaudoin, with almost six years experience with the Town, has done a wonderful job in overseeing payroll and benefits, accounts payables, worker's compensation, and acting as intake coordinator for Welfare.

In November, we were pleased to welcome Luke Vincent as a full-time employee. Luke had been working for the Town on a part-time basis managing the Town's computer systems. Among many things, he has been instrumental in establishing the Town's email list service, which publishes the weekly "Friday Updates" that have been so well received. Over the last year, the number of list server subscribers has increased from 426 to just over 700.

Having completed my fourth year as Business Manager with the Town, I continue to focus on staff training, which will continue to play an important role in keeping the Town moving forward. We accomplished many of the goals set for the year as well as addressing unforeseen challenges during the year.

2005 Accomplishments:

Joint Town/University of New Hampshire Agreements.

The Town was successful in completing the first three agreements with the University of New Hampshire, signed by the boards of the Town and USNH dealing with Water/Wastewater, Fire Services, and reimbursement to the Town for

Business Office: (l to r) Paul Beaudoin, Business Manager; Luke Vincent, Mgr. of Information Technology; Lisa Beaudoin, Administrative Assistant; Gail Jablonski, Fiscal Analyst

Business Office, continued

children going to the Oyster River Cooperative School District from UNH tax-exempt housing. These negotiations were ongoing at one level or another for the last several years.

General Accounting Standards Board's Statement #34 (GASB 34).

The year 2005 was the first year that the Town's financial reports were required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to conform to the General Accounting Standards Board's Statement #34 (GASB 34) with regard to a number of changes in how the Town's financial conditions are reported. We completed all but the historical reporting of fixed assets, which historically has never been reported in Durham or most communities due to the cost of completing this task. We believe the information that would have been derived from this one statement was not worth the expense and staff time involved in researching the historical costs of all assets owned by the Town that were acquired prior to 2004. For the third year in a row the Town received a significant discount from our independent audit firm due to the condition of our financial records that it needed to review.

Employee Handbook Update.

A draft Employee Handbook has been developed to replace the outdated 1989 Personnel Plan. The draft has been reviewed by the Town's attorney and should be completed early in 2006.

In addition to accomplishing these goals, the Business Office staff has been busy with other challenges that came along during the year, with the most notable being the completion of the time consuming process of executing a nationwide search for a new fire chief. The selection process was a long and arduous one that went from May through November.

The Business Office staff will continue training in the various disciplines that it works with to keep pace with the municipal business environment in order to provide the highest level of support services to the various departments who are serving our community.

Manager of Information Technology

Luke Vincent

The Management Information Systems (MIS) Department provides technical assistance, and system management for Town departments. We support nearly 100 users with email, web, and productivity software as well as 50+ computer systems and 10+ servers.

My role in the Town's computer operations has been expanded since I started full-time with the Town on November 21, 2005 as its Manager of Information Technology. Utilizing my talents, the Town will be able to expand the way new and existing technology is offered to its citizens and staff.

Upcoming projects like Geographic Information System (GIS) and a new financial software package will offer new ways of streamlining data that previously had not been available. The Town will have more access to vital information and be able to eliminate redundancy in the way its information is gathered. This past year the MIS department has been able to complete a number of projects.

2005 Accomplishments:

Communications Upgrade

As discussed in the 2005 MIS budget introduction, the Town's network topology has changed to provide better service at a discounted price point. In linking the Department of Public Works by private point-to-point service to the Town Hall the Town was able to eliminate the need for separate Internet service at both locations. This also improved the network capabilities between the public works building and the Town Hall. In addition, free channels on an existing T1 located in the Town Hall line were converted into more bandwidth for web central services. Additional "user-only" capacity was added in the form of a Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) circuit at the Town Hall.

Layered Security

Alongside the capacity upgrades new security was also implemented with a Sonicwall firewall capable of filtering several external circuits. The Sonicwall also allows the Town to offer a limited number of Virtual Private Network (VPN) connections for Town employees to use. This has the

potential to allow resource-intensive work to be done remotely. Already our Durham Cable Access Television (DCAT) Coordinator Craig Stevens has been able to take advantage of this service to make scheduling changes without being at his desk.

Police Department System Deployment

The Durham Police Department has been outfitted with state-of-the-art Dell Optiplex systems in an effort to keep the organization ahead of the technology curve. These systems will maintain a steady Return On Investment (ROI) for the next three to seven years, allowing the department to pick and choose whatever Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system it desires unhindered by system requirements. The new systems also allow for the introduction of centrally managed enterprise services such as Kaspersky Anti-Virus Business Optimal, which was deployed in conjunction with the system install.

The Town's MIS department exists to help Town departments achieve technological goals and will continue to strive to provide the Town with better services at lower costs. □

Council Chairman

Malcolm Sandberg

In June 2005, the Town Council developed a list of "action steps" to help guide its decision-making and to provide direction for itself, Town staff, and working committees. Preserving open space, vistas, and farmlands was first on its list. Preserving neighborhood integrity and enhancing revenue for Town coffers was not far behind.

Two significant parcels of land are preserved for the enjoyment of Durham residents resulting from help of volunteers in land preservation. Thanks to the generosity of the Thomas Merrick family, the Town acquired a conservation easement on 21.5 acres of land on Caney Road. This will allow access to ecologically sensitive land to all our citizens and protect the land from development. A second important parcel is preserved through a collaboration of the Chamberlain family, the Rockingham Land Trust, and the Town of Durham. All who cherish the viewscape over the meadow adjacent to the Mill Pond Center for the Arts can rest assured that a substantial part of this important parcel will be enjoyed for generations to come.

The Town Council recognizes the plight of property owners experiencing encroachment problems and associated decline in property values. We support the Planning Board's effort to protect neighborhood integrity. The 2004 revision of the Zoning Ordinance is helping preserve our neighborhoods. Well thought-out ordinances and diligence on the part of our Code Enforcement Officer combine to preserve property values in neighborhoods as well as to help minimize rowdy behavior that interferes with peaceful enjoyment of our surroundings.

In 2005, the Planning Board presented the Town Council with further revisions to the Zoning Ordinance which are intended to support the effort to preserve open space while at the same time, allow for expansion of our tax base. By December, the Council had reviewed all the Planning Board recommendations and was eagerly awaiting endorsement of its proposed revisions to the Planning Board version which the Council believes will further the community effort.

In August, the Council resolved the long-standing problems of the

Council Chairman, continued

safety and scenic character of the Packers Falls Bridge, authorizing the use of public and private funds to replace rails and reconfigure bridge approaches. Citizens, staff, and councilors deserve credit for working together constructively to resolve this problem.

Each year the Town Council struggles to find places in the budget to cut with little success because Durham is operating on a lean budget. Revenue enhancement is widely perceived as the best path to tax relief. Steps undertaken this year to increase revenue include authorization to impose "impact fees" on development. In addition, the University of New Hampshire and the Town successfully re-negotiated several long-standing agreements, which while not perfect, represent a step in the right direction toward revenue enhancement and cost sharing. The Council will consider taxing infrastructure, such as utility poles, so that the largest user of electricity in the community (UNH) can indirectly contribute to our tax base. Along the same line, we are currently seeking cooperation with UNH officials, asking them to attach surcharges to ticket sales at various non-collegiate events and to lease agreements with commercial entities that take advantage of the tax-free status of UNH.

An issue that remains outstanding, and one that is ready for examination by a highly motivated, yet-to-be-formed, committee is that of the Oyster River Cooperative School District funding formula. As most taxpayers realize, 67.9% of our local property tax dollars go to public education. There is a perennial question of whether the current 50-50 school funding formula is fair for Durham taxpayers when compared with the shared tax burden of Lee and Madbury taxpayers. Citizens who are concerned about the tax-cost of living in Durham need to mobilize and undertake a careful examination of the funding formula itself. It may be time for a study of the potential consequences or possible advantages of dissolution of the Cooperative School District. Efforts to address this issue in the past have met resistance at the school board level, perhaps because so few voices are heard. Absent a ground swell of citizen concern, it is likely that this situation will not improve in the upcoming year.

Finally, on behalf of the Town Council, I want to thank all our citizen-volunteers who serve on a multitude of committees and boards. Without your broad support, the burden would be too great for mere mortals. We are indebted to you for your service. We are also extraordinarily fortunate to have a highly qualified professional staff making our community functional, safe, and beautiful. Thank you, to all who make Durham a special place to live. □

Ordinances 2005

2005-01	Amending Chapter 53 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Durham Town Code, Section 153-29(D) "Metered Parking Areas" by deleting this section, and amending Section 153-52 "Time Limit Parking" by limiting parking on the westerly side of Madbury Road to two hours	Passed	02/07/05
2005-02	Amending Chapter 53 "Vehicles and Traffic" of the Durham Town Code, Sections 153-28 and 153-49 by restricting parking on Dennison Road from September 1st through June 30th between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, except by permit only from Oyster River Middle School staff	*Failed on first reading*	04/18/05
2005-03	Amending Chapter 175 "Zoning" of the Durham Town Code, Sections 175-7 "Definitions", 175-22 "Variances", and Article XV "Flood Hazard Overlay District"	Passed	05/02/05
2005-04	Amending the Durham Town Code by Adding a new Chapter, Chapter 75, and Sections 75-1 through 75-13 entitled "Impact Fees"	Passed	06/20/05

2005-05	Amending Chapter 59 "Fire Department Service Call Fees", Section 59-4(D) of the Durham Town Code by properly referencing that service call fees for apparatus responses are contained within the Town Master Fee Schedule	Passed	08/06/05
2005-06	Amending sections of the Durham Zoning Ordinance referred to as:		
	Ordinance #2005-06 (A) - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" to Address Questions with Prior Amendments.	Passed	11/30/05
	Ordinance #2005-06 (B) - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" to Implement the Master Plan Recommendations Dealing with the Non-Residential Zones.	Pending	
	Ordinance #2005-06 (C) - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" Relative to the Shoreland Protection Overlay District.	Pending	
	Ordinance #2005-06 (D) - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" Relative to the Wetland Conservation Overlay District.	Pending	
	Ordinance #2005-06 (E) - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" Relative to the Aquifer Protection Overlay District.	Pending	
	Ordinance #2005-06 (F) - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" Relative to the Durham Historic Overlay District.	Pending	
	Ordinance #2005-06 (G) - Proposed Amendments to Chapter 175 "Zoning" Relative to the Personal Wireless Service Facilities Overlay District.	Pending	
2005-07	Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 153-49 "Parking Prohibited Certain Hours" of the Durham Town Code by adding a parking restriction at the Wiswall Road Park from 9:00 PM to 5:00 AM	Passed	
2005-08	Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic, Section 153-28 "Permitted Parking", Durham Resident Parking Permits" of the Durham Town Code by amending the language with respect to the regulation of parking permits and to allow parking, including overnight parking and/or temporary parking, in certain municipal parking lots through the permit parking process	Passed	08/01/05
2005-09	Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic, Section 153-49 "Parking Prohibited Certain Hours" of the Durham Town Code by allowing residents to obtain parking permits through the Police Department for parking, overnight parking, and/or temporary overnight parking in specified sections of municipal parking lots	Passed	09/19/05
2005-10(A)	An ordinance Amending Chapter 153 "Vehicles and Traffic", Section 153-32 (C) "Penalties for Offense" of the Durham Town Code by changing the language relating to parking violations	Passed	11/21/05
2005-11	Amending Chapter 175 "Zoning", Section 175-7 Word Usage; Definitions" of the Durham Town Code relative to fraternity/sorority houses	Passed	12/05/05

Resolutions 2005

2005-01	Authorizing the acceptance of private donations and unanticipated revenues received by the Town of Durham between July 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004	Passed	02/07/05
2005-02	Encouraging the New Hampshire Executive Council to support the bi-state DOT proposal to use $1,200,000 of Federal CMAQ funds to improve the New Hampshire portion of the Amtrak rail corridor	Passed	02/07/05
2005-03	Recognizing outgoing elected officials and appointed members to various Town boards, commissions, and committees for their dedicated services to the Town of Durham	Passed	03/07/05
2005-04	Accepting New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources Certified Local Government grant funds in the amount of $2,960.00 for the purpose of developing a Historic District Brochure	Passed	03/07/05
2005-05	Establishing the compensation for the Town Administrator for Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, and 2007, and entering into a three-year employment agreement with the Town Administrator extending from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007	Passed	03/21/05
2005-06	Establishing regular Town Council meeting dates for April 2005 through March 2006	Passed	03/21/05
2005-07	Amending all presently issued and outstanding pole licenses, and seeking to add the provisions of RSA 72:23 I (B) providing for payment of properly assessed real and personal property taxes on Town-owned property used by public utilities serving the Town of Durham, as indicated under the license agreements	Passed	03/21/05
2005-08	Establishing the compensation for non-bargaining unit employees for Fiscal Year 2005	Passed	04/18/05
2005-09	Authorizing the issuance of nine million, nine hundred fifty thousand ($9,950,000) in Tax Anticipation Notes	Passed	04/18/05
2005-10	Establishing a Fire Department Injury Prevention Trust Fund	Passed	05/02/05
2005-11	Accepting a New Hampshire Department of Safety Bureau of Emergency Management (NHBEM) Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of up to $25,826.13 for the completion of three emergency management projects	Passed	05/02/05
2005-12	Releasing the encumbrance of $50,000 from the 2004 Council contingency line item for use on the Packers Falls Bridge	Passed	09/12/05

2005-13	Raising and appropriating an additional four hundred fifty thousand dollars ($450,000) in the FY 2005 Capital Fund budget for repairs to the number two clarifier and to correct pH issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; said funds to be raised through a withdrawal of two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) from the Capital Reserve of the sewer fund and two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) to be raised through a General Obligation bond	Passed	09/19/05
2005-14	Authorizing the Trustees of the Trust Funds to release two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) from the Capital Reserve sewer Fund to be used for repairs to the number two clarifier and to address pH issues at the Wastewater Treatment Plant	Passed	09/19/05
2005-15	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds totaling $12,306.00 from the New Hampshire Department of Safety for the purpose of purchasing closed circuit security cameras for the Durham Police Department	Passed	11/07/05
2005-16	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of donated funds totaling $949.95 from Skanska USA Building, Inc. for the purpose of purchasing a propane-fired fire extinguisher simulator to be used by the Durham Fire Department for public fire education	Passed	11/07/05
2005-17	Authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of grant funds totaling $500.00 from the Wal-Mart Foundation to partially support the Durham Fire Department Child Safety Inspection program	Passed	11/07/05
2005-18	Town Council approval of the FY 2006-2015 Capital Improvement Plan and the FY 2006 General Operating budgets	Failed	12/19/05

Town Administrator

Todd I. Selig

Forty years ago, a standing ovation was accorded John and Maryanna Hatch at the 1965 Town Meeting for their three dimensional map of Durham - a model which presently hangs in the lobby of the Durham Town Office. "The terrain model was made expressly for the citizens of Durham and for the use of their representatives on the Planning Board," stated John Hatch at the time. He continued, "It is my hope that they will come to know and appreciate something of their town's unique beauty. My real purpose was to dramatize the collective responsibility we have for the stewardship of this land, recognizing the dual aspect of the problem we now (in 1965) face: 1) We must plan intelligently for impending and necessary expansion; 2) We must preserve something of the natural character of this favored setting by far sighted conservation. May we plan well before it is too late." These were wise words in 1965, and their importance is equally relevant today.

Durham continues to be a community with a tremendous wealth of natural resources, ecological diversity, and natural beauty.

Town Administrator, continued

We have been successful through careful planning and land use decisions in avoiding the "Any Town USA" development and sprawl that has impacted much of the United States. As a town, we strongly desire to preserve Durham's unique characteristics, yet we also seek ways to expand our tax base to accommodate the increasing cost of school, municipal, and county services provided for a demanding public. Because local property taxes continue to increase, finding the balance between our desire to preserve Durham's character, while also seeking new revenue streams and fairer relationships in intergovernmental agreements to offset ongoing operational costs, will out of necessity become a major area of focus for us in the coming years.

Since the conclusion of the 2000 Master Plan, literally thousands of volunteer hours from members of Durham boards and committees, as well as from interested members of the public, have been devoted to rewriting the community's Zoning Ordinance. In May 2004, the Council adopted modifications to the Residential section of the ordinance. Additional changes that have been painstakingly developed are now coming to fruition before the Town Council. In November 2005, the Council completed its review of sections dealing with Master Plan recommendations for non-residential zones and decided to remand these to the Planning Board with suggestions for changes. The Council also completed its review of the remaining sections of the non-residential portions of the ordinance. The Aquifer Protection Overlay District section was approved. The Shoreland Protection Overlay District section, the Wetland Conservation Overlay District section, the Historic Overlay District section, a section dealing with prior amendments to the zoning ordinance, and the Personal Wireless Service Facilities Overlay District section were all remanded back to the Planning Board with slight changes or requests for clarification suggested by the Council. The Planning Board will likely send back to the Council recommended changes for final adoption in early 2006.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator

At the same time the community grappled with the zoning re-write, staff worked aggressively for a period of approximately two years to bolster revenues by increasing the fairness in Town/UNH relationships. Efforts were made to negotiate new agreements with representatives from the University of New Hampshire for municipal services provided by Durham and for reimbursement of costs incurred as a result of hosting the state University. Tentative agreements were reached in the fall with respect to water and wastewater usage, fire protection services (splitting the cost 50/50 with UNH), and for UNH to reimburse the Town for the incremental cost of students attending the Oyster River Cooperative School District who reside in UNH tax-exempt properties. After much deliberation, these agreements were approved by the Town Council in late 2005. It is anticipated that the new agreements will cumulatively result in over $200,000 in additional revenue for each of the next ten years. Town staff and University representatives are presently discussing agreements relating to use of the UNH Boat House at Jackson's Landing, continued use by Durham residents of the UNH Outdoor Pool, a potential surcharge for the impact on Durham of individuals utilizing the Whittemore Center for

non-University related events, and a variety of potential future issues including a payment to the Town to offset the cost of policing driven by the impact of the University on the broader community. Discussions will continue into 2006.

The Durham Conservation Commission and other devoted conservation-minded volunteers continued in 2005 to work toward preserving open tracts of land through the negotiation of outright purchases or conservation easements utilizing monies set aside by the Town for this purpose. As a glowing example of this effort, the Conservation Commission and the Merrick family worked collaboratively to preserve 21.5 acres of land off of Canney Road allowing perpetual public access and preserving this sensitive tract from development. It is anticipated that the $2.5 million land conservation bond approved by the voters in March 2003 will eventually be utilized to fund a variety of conservation efforts. Property owners interested in discussing the preservation of their land should contact the Durham Conservation Commission for more information.

The Town Council voted in 2005 to establish an impact fee ordinance. While methodologies have yet to be written to allow impact fees to be assessed by the Planning Board, we have appropriated funds as part of the FY 2006 budget to assist the Planning Office with this process.

In April of 2004, the Town moved forward and took possession by tax deed of Tax Parcels Map 1, Lot 1 and Map 1, Lot 1-1, known locally as the Craig Supply site (now Depot Road site). The parcel is a recognized contaminated Brownfields site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I am pleased to report that the Department of Public Works pursued and received a $200,000 grant to assist the Town with remediation at this location. In the near term, we plan to move forward with the creation of a revenue generating 160 +/- space municipal parking lot to pay for the future remediation of the site. Long-term, it is our hope that the parcel can become a net positive revenue generator for Durham. Public Works recently submitted a second grant application to the EPA for an additional $200,000 Brownfields allocation.

Deliberation continued in 2005 concerning finding a site for the construction of a new Durham Public Library. The Library Trustees have considered a variety of parcels in 2005 including the Town-owned land off of Old Piscataqua Road across from the Jackson's Landing Skating Rink, the Town Office site, parcels located along Madbury Road, and other locations throughout the community. Look for more progress in this area in 2006.

The appointment of a department head represents a critical decision for the Town due to the lasting impact it has on the municipality. Upon the retirement of long-time Fire Chief Ron O'Keefe in May 2005, we initiated a national search to find a new Fire Chief. A total of 49 applications from across the country ranging in origin from Alaska to Maine were initially received for the position. Following an exhaustive selection process involving representation from all segments of the community, Mr. Peter O'Leary of Wheaton, Illinois was hired for the position. We look forward to Chief O'Leary's start date of January 17, 2006.

In accordance with Council goals, we have worked to keep the public well informed of local affairs through coverage of public meetings on Durham Community

The Falls at Mill Pond. PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY DEWING

Town Administrator, continued

Access Television (DCAT), as well as through our weekly list server broadcasts. Over the last year, the number of list server subscribers has increased from 426 to just over 700. Individuals interested in subscribing should send an email to **Town_of_Durham@ci.durham.nh.us** and type the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.

The pages of this Town Report for Calendar Year 2005 provide a snapshot of the efforts that have been made by volunteers and municipal departments in the service of our citizens. Looking forward, I would invite residents to visit the Town Office and look at the amazing map of the community hanging in the foyer donated by John and Maryanna Hatch. Not only will you likely be able to see your neighborhood, but it may move you to become more involved with Durham government, to serve on one of our boards and committees, or to run for the Town Council. Help us to plan intelligently for necessary expansion, while at the same time preserve the natural character of the Town we have all come to love. □

Conservation Commission

Dwight Baldwin, Chair

The Durham Conservation Commission (DCC) has a state legislative mandate to inventory, manage, and protect the natural resources of the Town, and to make recommendations to the state on all applications to the New Hampshire Wetland Bureau. The DCC acts as an advocate for natural resource protection in Town and regional affairs, and is a source of information for Town residents.

2005 Accomplishments:

- **Land and Scenic-Vista Protection.** Accomplishments include recommendations to Council the purchase of a 26-acre scenic easement on land owned by Tom and Mary Merrick. The DCC also provided financial support for land appraisals on parcels that owners are interested in conserving. Several other landowners are currently considering conservation easements for their properties.
- **Site Visits.** The DCC conducted two (2) site visits to land parcels on which work was proposed which would incur an environmental impact.
- **Mill Pond Restoration.** The New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau of the Department of Environmental Services approved the Wetlands Permit for the dredging of Mill Pond and an insurance carrier was obtained who will insure the dredging work. Currently, the DCC and the Department of Public Works are working to identify a site where the dredged sediment can be placed, and it is anticipated that the project will take place late next summer. In addition, volunteers cut back new growth that had sprouted this summer along the shore.
- **Town Land-Use/Trails Subcommittee.** The Committee presented the report "Town-Owned Lands" to the Town Council in July that makes recommendations for recreational uses and conservation of these properties. Committee members are now focusing on Town lands around Longmarsh Road. Trail signs to mark the trails and a boardwalk to bridge a wetland area are now being planned.
- **Review of Wetland and Aquifer Conservation Overlay Documents.** At the request of the Planning Board, the DCC continued its review of drafts of the Wetland, Shoreland, and Aquifer Conservation Overlay District documents.
- **Durham Day Participation at Wagon Hill.** The DCC and the Parks and Recreation Committee set up a table down by the water to show citizens what these two groups are doing. Judging by the number of people who stopped to see the display, the effort was successful.
- **Review of Standard Dredge and Fill Applications.** Ten (10) wetland-related applications were reviewed. Activities included dock/pier construction, retaining walls, sidewalk construction, trails work, pond cleaning, and new residence hall construction at the University of New Hampshire adjacent to a wetland area. This oversight process included two (2) site visits and three (3) presentations at Commission meetings.
- **Jackson's Landing.** Initial steps have been taken to form a Jackson's Landing Committee to study how to make Jackson's Landing a vibrant recreation area for the Town.

Goals for 2006:

- Continue the momentum and exciting work being done by the Land Protection Working Group and the DCC for open land and scenic vista preservation.
- Continue efforts toward removal and disposal of sediment from Mill Pond.

Conservation Commission, continued

- Continue efforts to keep brush from growing up on Town land along the shore of Mill Pond.
- Establish an Adopt-a-Trail program whereby Durham residents may become more actively involved in care and maintenance of Town conservation lands and trails.
- Develop the protocol for the monitoring of conservation easements held by the Town.
- Together with the Parks and Recreation Committee, prepare a report to be presented to the Council by July, 2006 on how to improve the recreational value of Jackson's Landing and minimize erosion at the site.
- With the help of the Department of Public Works, develop a long-term plan to reduce sediment and nutrient input to Mill Pond. □

Durham Day

Nicole Moore, Coordinator

Durham Day 2005 was held on September 18th and was a great success. Though the weather was a bit threatening due to hurricane systems in the south, Doug Bullen and his Department of Public Works crew had the area ready and set up the tents, tables, and chairs on schedule. An estimated 350 people attended the event, some in the UNH Transportation-donated shuttle bus. Ed Valena stepped in as Official Greeter at the entrance. We endured one short downpour but there were enough tents for everyone to seek refuge. Our lovely Wagon Hill area was well-used by all the activities which took place.

Sponsored by the Town Council, we once again enjoyed a great picnic lunch cooked by our councilors. All foods were purchased from and delivered by Durham Marketplace. UNH Food Service donated 400 mouth-watering cookies and townspeople joined in the community spirit by bringing salads and desserts to share. Cliff Zetterstrom and his son once again ran the sno-cone machine. Everyone dined at tables topped by glorious flower bouquets assembled by Linn and Maggie Bogle. The day was laced with wonderful string music by Kathy Kelly and her string group and Andy Dolph was extremely valuable as our Sound Technician.

Thanks to Ray Belles, Peter Smith, Frank Windsor,and Loring Tirrell for generously sharing their boats by providing rides around the Bay. Ann Windsor, Amy Cunningham, and Christina Dolcino kept things organized ashore. Several Town organizations were present with informational tables along the waterfront, including the Mill Pond Center for the Arts, Durham Historical Association, Lamprey River Advisory Committee, Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee, Durham Public Library, DCAT, UNH Marine Docent Program, Great Bay Stewards, and Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club.

Many children enjoyed the obstacle course that was organized by the Durham Professional Firefighters Association.

The children's events were prominent this year and many thanks go to the Oyster River Parents and Preschoolers, the Durham Community Church, Durham Public Library, Oyster River Youth Association, Shawn the Storyteller, Bearhugs the Clown, and the Durham Professional Firefighter's Association for keeping the children active and happy. That obstacle course was amazing!

Thanks to Jennie Berry, our Town Administrative Assistant, who so capably supports in the planning of the day. It's truly a community event because many people agree to help out—and then follow through. Thank you all and see you next year! □

Historic District Commission

Catherine Leach, HCDC Secretary

2005 Accomplishments:

- Reviewed and approved various Certificates of Approval dealing with issues such as signage, landscaping, and materials usage.
- Obtained a grant from the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR) to produce an informational brochure outlining the purpose, goals, and philosophy of the Historic District Commission (HDC) and its role in supporting owners of historic properties. The brochure will be completed by July 2006.
- Investigated undertaking a survey project to catalogue historic properties and sites. The HDC met with a representative of the NHDHR as well as additional experts in this field. Ultimately, it was concluded that a comprehensive survey project was labor and cost intensive, so instead a limited survey has begun, with the goal of adding properties each year.
- Participated in the Town's zoning rewrite process in meetings with the Town Planner (to discuss expansion of the historic district boundaries) and the Code Enforcement Officer (to discuss enforcement of "Demolition by Neglect"). The input of the Commission was reflected in the final Historic District Overlay that was subsequently approved by both the Planning Board and the Town Council.
- Proposed assuming the duties of a Heritage Commission (HC). A Heritage Commission allows for a Town-wide scope covering all historic properties, not just those located within the Historic District. The Commission sees this as a non-regulatory, yet important step in the preservation of our Town's historic sites. The proposal was included in the Historic District Zoning Overlay.

Goals for 2006:

- Final production of the informational brochure.
- Move forward on the survey project.
- Apply for NHDHR grant funding for a Town historic website.
- Be proactive in communicating our supportive role to homeowners within the district.
- Investigate ways to combine efforts with the Durham Historic Association (DHA).
- Incorporate the role of a Heritage Commission into our goals and actions.

The HDC welcomes input and involvement from the community. Join us at our monthly meetings or contact a Commission member with suggestions or comments. □

Parks and Recreation Committee

John Parry, Chair

Vision Statement:

It is the vision of the Town of Durham Parks and Recreation Committee to provide residents of all ages, abilities, and interests a wide variety of recreational and leisure activities and services which will enable and enhance a healthy and dynamic lifestyle. By working in partnership with others to provide access to natural areas as well as indoor and outdoor programs and facilities, the Town recognizes the positive role recreation plays in creating the sense of cohesiveness and interaction necessary for a vibrant community for all citizens.

Long-term Goals Include:

- Develop a more formal, sustainable Parks and Recreation program that will better serve Town residents.
- Increase recreational and leisure activity opportunities for all Durham residents.
- Provide better access to, and more recreational opportunities for, Durham's water resources.

2005 Accomplishments:

- **Grant Application for Trail Improvement.** Funds are being sought to improve trails at the Longmarsh property to connect the existing trail systems.
- **Town Property Assessment.** A joint subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Conservation Commission visited Town-owned properties to assess the recreational potential, and developed basic recommendations as to what actions could be taken.
- **Grant for Ski Trail Grooming Equipment.** The Committee provided input and support to a UNH student who prepared an application for a grant to purchase cross-country skiing grooming equipment for trail system.
- **Newmarket Parks Department Meeting.** Jim Hilton, Director of the Newmarket Recreation Department, presented Newmarket's program to the Committee. Newmarket offers a tremendous variety of opportunities, and would serve as a good model for Durham.
- **Policy for Town Recreation Properties.** Policy recommendations were provided for the use of Wiswall Dam, Jackson's Landing, and the Cedar Point Boat ramp. The Committee has begun work on developing a use policy for all Town recreation properties.
- **Jackson's Landing Planning Committee**. A joint committee has been initiated with the Conservation Committee to develop recommendations for improvements at Jackson's Landing Park.
- **Eagle Scout Projects**. Tennis court backboard construction planned for Woodridge Park by John Gearheart, and Old Town Landing benches were installed by Sam Hochgraf.

Another young Durham Day participant enjoys the obstacle course.

Goals for 2006:

A 2006 action plan has been developed to provide direction for

the Committee in the coming year. Planned activities include:

- Revise the Master Plan chapter on recreation and use it as a basis for a five-year strategic plan.
- Define and prioritize recommendations for Town property improvements, and begin to implement them.
- Research how recreation programs and facilities are developed in other communities as a basis for improving Durham's program. Explore the need for program staff.
- Pursue partnerships with other organizations and towns, as a way to offer more recreation programs (adult and youth).
- Conduct a public survey of Durham residents to assess recreation needs.
- Develop and promote a list of recreational/leisure opportunities (public and commercial) available in the Durham area.
- Work with interested partners to identify a location and build a skateboard park and additional playing fields.

Take a Hike!

There are over fifty miles of trails open to the public in Durham. The Parks and Recreation Committee has developed trail maps for many of these properties. Printable trail maps and property listings can be found on the Town of Durham's website at **www.ci.durham.nh.us** under Parks and Recreation. □

Public Library Board of Trustees

Douglas Wheeler, Chair

The year 2005 was an important year for the Durham Public Library in four respects. First, our Library Director, Gus Hedden resigned after nearly six years with us. We hired Tom Madden of East Kingston, New Hampshire to replace him in the fall. Second, 2005 was the first year that the Town of Durham funded fully our library's annual operating budget. Third, our Annual Appeal fundraising at the end of 2004 and going into 2005 raised the largest amount of donation money in the library's history. Further, the heroic Friends of the Library also broke records with its much appreciated fundraising endeavors. Fourth, the Board made notable progress in the search for a new permanent site and home. In the spirit of our motto pledged in the last report, 'Partnership and Town Pride", the library continued the momentum generated in 2004 and worked to include both the Town staff and the public in greater involvement in the site search process. This involvement was manifested in the naming of a committee, dissemination of a questionnaire, and contacts with the business community of Durham. Our Board named an Advisory Site Committee (full name: Advisory Committee for a Permanent Site for the Durham Public Library) with the following membership: Suzy Loder, Ed Valena, Douglas

Interim Fire Chief Michael Blake, a.k.a. "Smokey the Bear" shakes hands with children during a forest fire prevention talk at the Durham Public Library. DURHAM FIRE DEPT PHOTO

Public Library Board of Trustees, continued

Wheeler, Duane Hyde, Mike Lynch, Katie Paine, Joan Drapeau, and Library Director Tom Madden). This important committee's charge is to select and recommend one or more sites and present them to the Board of Trustees which will study such recommendations and decide whether to recommend them to the Town Council for action. The Board has disseminated by e-mail a site questionnaire and has established contact with the Durham Business Association.

The Board will continue the momentum of 2004 and 2005 and move toward improving services and selecting a practical site. The motto cited in last year's report continues to inspire us: "Partnership and Town Pride" in the Town's own library, a source of continuing pride and identity, and a welcome bargain for taxpayers. As we move toward selecting a site in 2006 we will study carefully the following criteria: location, topography, availability, price of property, size, soil usability, surroundings, access, and parking.

The Library Board remains ever mindful of the steadfast service of our wonderful staff. Especially admirable this year was the staff's service during the interim between Gus Hedden's departure and Tom Madden's arrival; a period of seven weeks. And of course, we also thank our growing number of patrons and Friends of the Library, without whom we could not function. □

Suzy Loder, Vice-President
John Caulfield, Treasurer
Susan Roman (Alt.), Secretary
Julian Smith
Ann Windsor
Luci Gardner
Ed Valena
Katie Ellis, Alt.
Pam Weeks, Alt.

Public Library Director

Thomas Madden

The Durham Public Library is in the midst of tremendous change, including the selection of a new Director to fill the position left by Gus Hedden who resigned this past summer. Gus had been Director since 1999 and the library has developed into a strong, dynamic institution under his stewardship. The library staff would like to thank Gus for his leadership and direction, and most of all for his friendship. He will be sorely missed.

At Christmas children enjoy making gingerbread houses at the Library. LAURA MATHENY PHOTO

As the new Director, I have enjoyed my short tenure here thus far and look forward to the challenges ahead as the library builds on the great work performed to date by the staff, Trustees, Friends of the Library, and volunteers. Much has been accomplished, but more remains to be done. The Durham Public Library had a great year in 2005 and we are truly excited about the prospects for 2006.

2005 Accomplishments:

The numbers continue to grow. Circulation is on the increase, in part because of the popularity of interlibrary loan and our numerous book groups. Program attendance also increased due to the

fascinating schedule of adult and children's programs presented. Volunteer hours were up, and we thank all of our hardworking, dedicated, and dependable volunteers for selflessly coming to our aid. We appreciate their efforts and we are a better library for it.

The Friends continue to support the library through book and bake sales, and we thank them for the time and effort they contribute throughout the year. The Friends support library programming and enable us to purchase new equipment that we would otherwise be hard-pressed to do.

The library staff worked diligently to meet ever increasing service demands, and kept the library operating while a Director was being selected. They weeded seldom used materials from the collection and ordered and processed new ones, streamlined operations for greater efficiency, scheduled and presented programs, and performed the myriad of daily tasks that it takes to keep a library running.

The library hosted a wide-range of programs in 2006. The Chess Knights met every two weeks, attracting a number of chess aficionados, and will continue to do so in 2006. Art displayed throughout the year on the library's walls included work by Deb Hastings' Mast Way Elementary students, Howie Leung's photography, and Colleen and Ailinn Conners' "Art as Spiritual Healing". Our *Meet the Author* series hosted Erika Hunter - *The Little Book of Big Emotions*, Nancy Grossman - *The Placenames of Portsmouth*, Margaret-Love Denman - *Daily, Before Your Eyes*, and Dr. Rebecca Werner - *A.D. 62: Pompeii*. Music Plus Dogs Equals Healing with Karen Johnson demonstrated the positive effects of animal touch. Doug Wheeler discussed the history of spying. Rebecca Rule presented a humorous five-program series, Humor, Here and There, that was grant-funded by the New Hampshire Humanities Council. There were book discussions, antique appraisals, gallery talks, CPR training, stargazing, nature walks, marshmallow roasts, and much more.

Thomas Madden
Director, Durham Public Library

Goals for 2006:

In the near term, the library staff will continue to:

- Improve and upgrade the collection through de-selection and by purchasing new bestsellers, books on CD, DVDs, and other audiovisual materials, magazines, and books for children and young adults.
- Provide programming for both children and adults that is informative, educational, and entertaining.
- Upgrade the library's reference collection to improve its currency, authority, and usability.

Major improvements are presently in the works which will enhance

The Chess Knights chess club plays twice a month at the Library. LAURA MATHENY PHOTO

Public Library Director, continued

both our patrons' library experience and our staff's efficiency:

- The library is preparing to purchase a new circulation system. The system that we select will be web-based and will allow our patrons to search our catalog from home via the Internet. Staff will be able to input new materials into the system faster and more efficiently than ever before.
- The library's website is under revision. It will be completely revamped, providing greater access to information through the catalog, the web, and online databases. An events calendar will be included to keep our patrons current with our latest programs and events.

The Durham Public Library provides access to information from a variety of sources, both electronic and otherwise. Books not owned by the library are received from throughout the state via interlibrary loan. Articles from thousands of magazines, journals, and encyclopedias were available free to the public through online databases. Links to community and regional websites will be available through the library's website. Facilitating all of this is a staff of experienced librarians who can assist patrons in navigating the often confusing amount of information and data available.

Work toward the building of a new library facility continues. Once a site has been selected, the Trustees will move forward with planning the new building, determining the scope of the project, and working on fund development. We anticipate great progress will be made toward that end in 2006 and we look forward to working with the community in building a library in which Durham can take great pride. Excitement is building about the prospects for a new facility and for the ongoing improvements the library is making to become more dynamic and more responsive to our patrons' needs. All of this progress is built upon the accomplishments made over the years. □

Public Library Children's Librarian

Laura C. Matheny

Our mission for the Children's and Young Adult Department is to provide library services for infants through teens by providing a broad range of materials for each population. Our children's/young adult collection consists of approximately 16,000 items which include books, magazines, audio books, and movies. The children's/young adult budget allows the purchase of approximately five hundred items annually. Generally, our purchases are award winning materials and patron requests.

Another aspect of library services is to provide programming to enhance community building, education, and entertainment. In 2005 the library provided approximately 250 children and young adult programs. Regular programs include:

- Weekly storytimes for kindergarteners, preschoolers, and toddlers.
- A Reading Buddy program sponsored in conjunction with the UNH Education Department's Seacoast Reads.
- Tales for Tails: Read to a Dog program which involves Delta Society trained and insured therapy dogs who meet weekly with children to help them gain confidence as readers.
- The Book Eaters, a monthly middle school book group facilitated by Professor Ruth Wharton-McDonald.
- The Chess Knights, our chess club, which meets twice a month.

Special programs include:

- A Baby Sitter Certification Course
- A Child Safety and Identification Clinic
- A Candy hunt and basket making program
- An animal care program by the New Hampshire SPCA
- Ginger Bread House Construction Project
- Holiday Caroling Party
- Make It and Take It Valentine Card Week
- Student Art Exhibits

- Participation the Memorial Day Parade, Durham Day, and Light Up Durham.

Summer Reading Program

This year, our summer reading program, Camp WannaRead, was phenomenally successful and broke all previous statistical records. In fact, 252 kids signed up to participate in the summer reading program, which represents approximately one-quarter of the kids from birth to age eighteen who live in Durham. The number of children who registered for the program was fairly evenly divided between pre-readers, elementary school readers, and middle and high school readers. The kids read about 1600 books spending at least 2770 hours reading this summer! We are very grateful to the Durham merchants who donated prizes for the kids who participated. As part of Camp WannaRead, the library provided weekly programming centered on the camping/nature theme. Special programs included:

- An all star performance of *Into the Woods, Jr.* by ORMS sixth graders under the direction of music teacher Alan Nasberg. One hundred thirty people enjoyed the show at the ORHS Auditorium.
- Amy Atwood of Avalon Acres Butterfly Farm in Durham brought live Monarch butterflies to exhibit and shared her knowledge of these insects with the twenty-five people who attended.
- Wendy Snow Fogg, of Durham's Misty Meadows Herbal Center volunteered to lead two nature walk for eighteen patrons.
- In conjunction with the NH Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau, the library sponsored a visit with Smokey the Bear. Twenty-six people participated.
- The library worked with the UNH Physics Department to sponsor two star-gazing events at the UNH observatory. Altogether approximately thirty people enjoyed this event.
- Our Marshmallow Roast and Campfire Sing-a-long was a wonderful event where families enjoyed singing and learning camp fire songs.
- Children's Entertainer, T-Bone, was funded through a Kids, Books, and the Arts grant. Ninety people attended this performance at the ORHS as part of the Camp WannaRead Award Ceremony.

In conjunction with Lee and Madbury Public Libraries, Durham Public Library shared the costs of sponsoring three events:

- Author and Naturalist Ben Kilham spoke about his experiences raising a pair of orphaned black bear cubs to release into the wild. Thanks to Lee Grange for allowing us to use their building since the libraries had no space to accommodate the seventy people who attended.
- Madbury Public Library wrote and received a grant to sponsor the Boston Science Museum's portable planetarium and invited Durham and Lee Libraries to share this event with them. Thirty people attended this event which was held at Moharimet School due to the lack of space at the area libraries.
- Magician, Mr. Phil entertained children during February vacation. This event was held at Lee Church Congregational who provided its facility free of charge since none of the libraries had space to accommodate the one hundred fifty people who attended.

We are blessed to have so many individuals and merchants from both the Town and UNH support the library by facilitating programs, generously volunteering time, talent, materials, and/or funds. Because of their generosity each citizen has the opportunity to enjoy the many materials and programs the library has to offer. We are pleased that each year our library continues to grow in provin[illegible]alue and utility as a center [illegible]ommunity life for the children, teens, and adults of Durham. □

2005 End Of Year Statistics:

Circulation	29,824
New Patrons	526
Total Patron[illegible]	3,526
Volunteer/Community Service Hours:	803
Adult Programs	360
Children/YA Programs	3,246
Total Programs	3,606
Materials Added	2,972
Materials Withdrawn	4,887
Total Materials	31,491

Swan Report – My Adventures with the Swans

Margery Milne

When I became Keeper of the Durham swans, I decided that I should write the Queen of England for information on the royal swans. Everyone said I'd never get a response, but I did. About two weeks later, I received a letter on gold and red stationary from the Queen and the Royal Swan Keepers. It's in my attic now, that precious piece of mail. It gave me advice on taking care of swans. And everyone who has visited abroad knows how well they take care of their swans.

News of a swan keeper in New Hampshire spread across the country and even appeared in newspapers in Hawaii. The Washington Post ran a story about the Durham swans and illustrated it with a sketch of Lorus and Margery Milne feeding the birds, and saying how wonderful it was that they had the swans with them on a regular basis. The Reader's Digest reported it had some swans that had disappeared, and wondered whether their swans had flown to Durham. It sent keepers to come and check, but the swans did not react to them as they do to people they know and flew away.

When I realized that the swans came here on a regular basis, I would visit them several times a day to see that they were taken care of; that they ate enough greenery from the Mill Pond, and that people would leave them quiet to raise a family. The birds managed to raise a family most years but this last year they had a rough time. The effects of Hurricane Katrina brought very cold weather alternating with extremely warm weather, so even though there were young ones, cygnets, they did not survive.

One evening, at six o'clock when everyone was having supper, I went to visit the swans. Because it was so quiet, I decided to go down to the edge of the pond and let them eat right out of my hand which they did in a very friendly fashion. The only thing was I toppled over and fell into the pond with the birds. They did not attack me—they didn't do anything—but I think they wanted to help me. Dripping wet, I walked home and hoped nobody would recognize me.

I've had my adventures with these birds which I could never have forecasted and for which I am grateful. One late afternoon after I fed them I decided to go over to the UNH Library and as I walked in that direction, the birds followed me, trailing behind. I couldn't discourage them to go back to the pond. Instead, when I got to the coffee room on the top floor where I thought I'd work, those two white birds were flying back and forth outside the library windows. If I could have opened a window, I would have offered them a cup of coffee.

On another occasion, a swan came to me with his face covered with blood. He must have been attacked by another animal. I immediately phoned a Durham veterinarian for help. A message was sent to him where he was vacationing in the mountains that there was an injured swan that needed attention. The veterinarian was kind enough to come directly down to the Mill Pond to help rescue the swan.

I recall after we purchased the land on the Mill Pond, I was so happy that I just stretched out on the grass on the top of the hill and went to sleep. Remarkably, when I woke up, there was a great big white bird tucked in right beside me also sleeping. What a nice way that was to welcome me to the Mill Pond. □

The only way to travel—hitchin' a ride! MARY BETH LAMBERT, UNH PHOTO

Assessor

Robert Dix

The Assessor's office is responsible for ensuring equitable assessments, which distribute the Town's tax burden in accordance with state statutes. Assessments are based on fair market value of property and are applied in a fair, equitable, and consistent manner.

Regular full revaluations and assessment updates are necessary to maintain property tax equity. Different property classes increase or decrease in value at different rates. If an assessment update or full revaluation has not occurred for several years, inequity in assessments may result. This is why the Town conducted a full revaluation in 2003.

Durham's previous full revaluation was in 1988 and last assessment update was in 1993. The revaluation has brought the level close to 100%. The tax rate ($/1000) is now $26.19.

The total value of taxable property rose about 1.8% to $795,922,344 while the tax rate rose about 4.2%. This illustrates the fact that rising assessments do not correlate with higher taxes. Higher spending raises taxes, assessments only distribute equitably the burden that taxes create to pay for Town services.

For information regarding our 2001-2005 valuation and tax history, including a breakdown of the Town, School District, and County tax rates, please refer to the Budget and Finance section of this Town Report.

While I understand that we all are burdened by ever increasing property taxes in New Hampshire, some tax relief may be available through the following courses of action: Exemptions/Tax Credits for the Blind, Elderly, Veterans', Disabled and Physically Handicapped; Exemptions for Solar Energy Systems; Tax Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled; Property Tax Hardship Relief; Current Use assessments; and Abatement requests. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Visited approximately 450 properties in order to verify the data in our records.
- Received land and building data from UNH that had never been in our possession before.
- Reviewed approximately 240 building permits and made appropriate changes to the data base.
- Verified all who are eligible for credits and exemptions.
- Contacted all owners of forest Current Use land and received their input on the location, grade, and accessibility of the timber in order to determine whether the $/acre rate needed to be adjusted.
- Assessed $248,520 in current use penalties that can be used by the Conservation Commission to preserve open space.

Goals for 2006:

- Continue to verify the integrity of the data on our property record cards.
- Analyze whether values need to be adjusted for 2006.
- Monitor sales activity to verify assessment level.
- Data enter the UNH property information we received into our Vision database.

For information and assistance regarding assessments, tax exemptions, tax credits, abatement appeals, Current Use, timber cutting, tax map and legal ownership information, you may contact the Assessing Office via telephone: 603-868-8065, e-mail: rdix@ci.durham.nh.us or visit us at the Town Office. □

Cemetery Committee

Craig Seymour, Chair

A total of eleven (11) burials took place in the Durham Cemetery in 2005, including five (5) casket internments and six (6) cremation internments. Only three (3) individual graves (two plots) were sold and one (1) grave was repurchased by the Trustees. Several new monuments were also set, including two veteran's markers. Thanks to some wonderful volunteer work, the cemetery records were entered into a database that will hopefully allow public access to this information in 2006, possibly on the Town's website. The Public Works Department again maintained the Cemetery grounds in nearly immaculate condition all year. Many of the shrubs and small trees were damaged by deer over the winter, but most came back quite well this spring and summer.

For 2006, the Cemetery Trustees are looking forward to completing the cemetery data base and updating cemetery policies. They are also seeking to better catalogue and identify the 70+ historic gravesites that are scattered throughout the Town. Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist the Trustees is urged to contact Craig Seymour through the Town Offices or at **cemetery@ci.durham.nh.us.** □

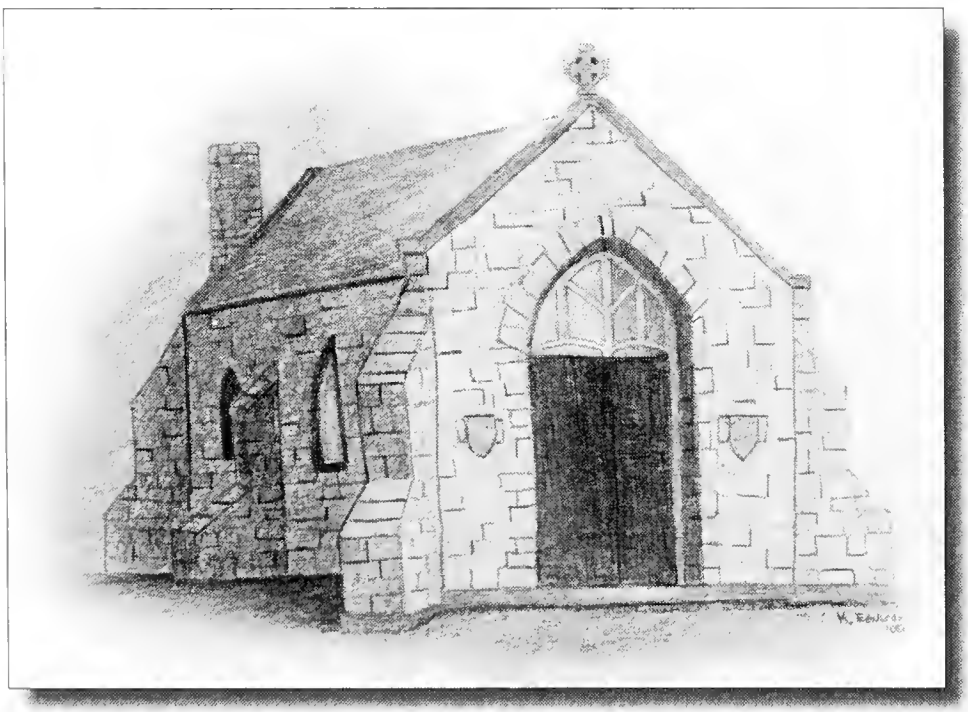
Committee Members:
Bruce Bragdon
Craig Seymour
John de Campi

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Bruce Bragdon, Chair

The Trustees of the Trust Funds invest and disperse funds in the various trusts and certain other Town accounts. Theses include 64 separate trust funds. Most of the trusts are small, ranging in size from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars and are concerned with the care and maintenance of various cemeteries and gravesites. Others support various Town funds and capital projects. In the past the funds were all invested in the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool, with the help of the Town we are now invested in Citizens Bank. This was done in an effort to gain greater return and still maintain the safest possible investment. At the end of December 2005 the trust funds totaled $1,316,042.12. □

Smith Chapel, located on Mill Pond Road. ILLUSTRATION BY KAREN EDWARDS



Council Members:
Mark Morong
Julian Smith
Peter Smith

Planning and Community Development

James Campbell, Director

Another year has gone by and so much has happened. Our office handled many minor subdivision and boundary line adjustment applications this year. The Hotel New Hampshire is up and running and the project turned out great. The Planning Board also approved a site plan application for Courthouse Ventures who will be constructing a new service station and convenience store on the "Smitty's" property across from the hotel. We also saw the Cumberland Farms move out of its location, leaving yet another opportunity for this part of Town to redevelop in a more positive way than has occurred in the past. Some downtown businesses have changed hands and along with this, many of the buildings are being worked on and brought up to code.

The Planning Board and Zoning Rewrite Committee completed its work on the remaining sections of the Zoning Ordinance amendments. Most notably, the work consisted of the non-residential zoning district provisions, zoning map, and the overlay districts. Many hours went into the completion of this task which finally culminated with the Planning Board sending these sections to the Town Council in June. After many meetings, public hearings, and deliberations with the Town Council on these changes, the Town Council remanded the amendments back to the Planning Board (only the Flood Hazard Overlay and Aquifer Overlay were passed without being remanded). The Planning Board will make the necessary changes and send them back to the Town Council for consideration, and hopefully approval, in early 2006. There is a light at the end of the tunnel and all of the hard work will soon be coming to fruition.

As I have done in the past, there are many people to thank. The Zoning Rewrite Committee and the Planning Board, past and present, need to be thanked for their many hours of service to the Town of Durham. It has been a great experience working with them. The Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Library Board of Trustees, Parks & Recreation Committee, and many others, need to be thanked as well. Their input into helping the Town is invaluable. The Town of Durham has also benefited greatly from a very active citizenry and a dedicated staff, including the Town Administrator and other departments. The combined efforts of all these people only make the process more open, fair, and just plain better. I do hope that this participation continues in the New Year and we can build on our successes as well as learn from our mistakes. Finally, I would like to thank Karen Edwards and Michelle Marino for keeping this office running so smoothly. I could not do it without them.

Below is a brief list of the accomplishments from the past year as well as some of my goals for next year.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Completed drafts of the Non-Residential Zoning Ordinance sections and forwarded to Town Council.
- Completed drafts of the Overlay Districts for public hearing and forwarded to Town Council.
- Continued public education by creating an educational campaign for the citizens of Durham on a variety of topics including pedestrian and bicycle safety, land conservation, wetland and shoreland information, the importance of volunteerism, voluntary wildlife conservation programs, and learning more about the Planning Board and what it does.
- Worked on programs outlined in the Master Plan 2000.
- Continued to seek grant money to offset the cost of projects on the Town.
- Continued to work on and improve our Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities.
- Continued to work on and follow through on the Craig Supply property with the goal of a productive reuse of the property. Received Remedial Action Plan for clean up of property.
- Worked toward the development of the Durham Business Park. □

Planning and Community Development, continued

- Worked with the Economic Development Committee to improve the climate for proper economic development.
- Strengthened the relationship and communication between the Durham Community and the UNH Community.
- Held four quarterly planning meetings with the Planning Board.
- Stayed active with outside committees and organizations to ensure Durham's concerns are raised and made part of the process.
- Continued to apply careful scrutiny to applications and plans submitted to the Planning Board.
- Began updating demographic information for the Master Plan.

Goals for 2006:

- Finalize zoning amendments and have Town Council adopt them.
- Revise the Site Plan Regulations and Road Regulations.
- Create an implementation plan for the remainder of the Master Plan (2000).
- Begin to update the Master Plan (2000).
- Continue to seek ways to enhance public participation and education.
- Work on securing more grant money to offset cost to the Town of Durham.
- Continue holding one (1) meeting a quarter for "planning" issues with no regular business on the Planning Board agenda.
- Continue work on developing a Geographic Information System (GIS) for the Town.
- Continue to serve the Town on several outside committees whose work will have an effect on Durham so Town concerns can be heard and taken into consideration.
- Continue to move forward on the Craig Supply property for redevelopment.
- Work as a member of the Economic Development Committee to improve the climate for proper economic development within the Town.
- Continue working with the University to strengthen the Town's relationship and communication in order to keep each entity abreast of what is happening and looking out for the best interest of the Town. □

Planning Board

Richard Kelley, Chair

During the past year the primary focus of the Planning Board's time was directed to preparing revisions to the Zoning Ordinance to bring the Ordinance into conformance with the Master Plan (2000). Members of the Planning Board also served on the Zoning Re-Write Committee, and it is in this capacity in which the current Ordinance is updated to reflect the goals of the Master Plan.

Over the course of the past year, the Board addressed sections of the Ordinance that were sent to the Town Council last year and were remanded back to the Board for clarification or revisions. These sections primarily dealt with definitions and Residential Zoning provisions. The Board submitted amendments for the Council's consideration and followed up with revised amendments.

The following sections of the Zoning Ordinance were sent to the Town Council this year:

- Non-Residential Zoning District Provisions
- Definitions
- Zoning Map
- Table of Uses
- Table of Dimensional Requirements
- Flood Hazard Overly District
- Shoreland Protection Overlay District
- Wetland Conservation Overlay District
- Aquifer Protection Overlay District
- Historic Overlay District
- Personal Wireless Service Facilities Overly District

The Planning Board held a total of eight public hearings dealing with the above subject matter prior to sending these revised sections of the Ordinance to the Council. The Council then held its own public hearings, deliberated and remanded sections of the Ordinance back to the Planning Board. The Council's effort was completed at the end of November and Planning Board/Zoning Re-write Committee will now complete further revisions based on the Council's guidance. This effort will begin in December with final recommendations being sent back to the Council in January.

Early in 2006, following another round of Public Hearings held by both the Planning Board and Town Council, the completed Zoning Ordinance should be approved and in place.

I would like to thank Chairman Malcolm Sandberg, Vice Chairman Neil Niman, and members of the Council for their recent efforts. This time of year is very busy for the Council and they have gone to extraordinary measures to conduct public hearings, deliberate the proposed revisions, and provide substantive guidance.

The process of re-writing the Zoning Ordinance took approximately 4-5 years and citizens and former members of the Planning Board completed much of this work. I would like to thank those individuals who contributed to this effort. Durham as a community is fortunate to have so many people who care enough about the place they live that they offer so much of their time. In addition, my thanks and appreciation is extended to those citizens who came to the public hearings or sent letters conveying to the Planning Board their thoughts and suggestions on the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning Board is indebted to our Director of Planning and Community Development, Jim Campbell and our consultant, Mark Eyerman. These individuals receive my thanks and deepest appreciation for their efforts in regards to the Zoning Ordinance re-write. They are a pleasure to work with and their hard work, attention to detail, and perseverance made the entire process possible.

The Planning Board did find time to do other things as well. We had several two-lot subdivisions and lot line revisions submitted for approval.

In addition, a Conditional Use and Site Plan application was submitted for land currently occupied by Smitty's Sunoco. There were several public hearings and much comment received on this application. I was very pleased with the

Comparison of Number of Application Approvals 2003-2005

APPLICATION TYPE	2005	2004	2003
Subdivision	5	0	4
Site Review/Conditional Use	7	2	5
Boundary Line Adjustment/ Subdivision Modification/Voluntary Lot Merger	5	6	9
Site Plan Review by Technical Review Committee	2	6	3
Other*	3	8	10
Total	22	22	31

**Includes Conceptual Consultations, Design Reviews, Government Projects Public Hearings, and Scenic Road Public Hearings.*

Planning Department. (l-r): Robert Dix, Assessor; Thomas Johnson, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer; James Campbell, Director of Planning and Community Development; and Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant

Planning Board, continued

process, the relatively short time it took to complete that process and the outcome. The efforts of the Planning Board, the willingness of the Developer to work with the Town, and the public comments all played a roll in producing a proposed design that the Town should be pleased with.

I am confident that future development in our Town can be accomplished in a similar manner. Durham is a unique place, and by conveying our collective concerns to willing developers, development in our community can enhance our Town's character, improve our quality of life and provide revenue enhancement.

It has been my pleasure to serve our community as Chairman of the Planning Board. My gratitude is extended to the Board members and Alternates. They have donated so much of their time, their diverse talents offer considerable benefit to this Board and the Town of Durham, and for all their efforts and hard work I offer my appreciation and thanks. □

Supervisors of the Checklist

Ann Shump, Chair

2005 Accomplishments:

2005 was a welcome change to the hectic 2004 Presidential Election year. The Town/School Election in March was the only official election, although the Supervisors also had to cover the School Deliberative Session in February. This has allowed us to spend some time cleaning up the checklist in preparation for the new statewide voter checklist which will go into effect in January 2006.

In February, long-time Supervisor Becky Worcester found it necessary to resign her position and Kathy Sparr, who had stepped in to help in 2004, continued as Interim Supervisor until another person can be elected in March 2006. Ann Lemmon moved to Exeter at the end of April and therefore had to resign her position. Judy Aiken was appointed to fill her position until the next election. Both Becky and Ann are sorely missed for their expertise, their hard work, their dedication to their jobs and the Town, and the fun we had while working together.

The Supervisors conducted a mini-purge of 2005 UNH graduates this year and with that concluded, there are approximately 7000 people registered to vote in the Town of Durham.

Goals for 2006:

2006 will be somewhat busier for the Supervisors since there will be a State Primary on September 12 and a General Election on November 7, as well as the Deliberative Session on February 7 and the Town/School Elections on March 14.

The State of New Hampshire has been busy developing a system for a statewide voter checklist, mandated by the federal government. Although the Chairman of the Supervisors has had some experience with the system, most of the training will be in December 2005 and January 2006. As with most new technology, we are certain that there will be many problems to iron out, but we are hopeful that ultimately this system will make our job easier rather than more difficult and time-consuming. □

Town Clerk

Lorrie L. Pitt

The Town Clerk-Tax Collector's office continued training throughout the year. My staff and I attended workshops and classes to keep up with recent legislative changes and to keep abreast of new developments in order to serve you better.

Our internet automobile registration program, E-Reg, continues to grow. This program, along with our regular mail-in registration service, simplifies the renewal process for residents who find it difficult to come into the office in person. We are reviewing the state's Municipal Agent Automation Project (MAAP) with anticipated participation this spring. This program will expand the services we currently offer, It will allow us to complete most special services that we currently have to send residents to a Motor Vehicle Sub-Station to complete. It will allow us to issue all plate types, including conservation, veteran, farm, and temporary plates to name a few. We will be able to register over weight vehicles, check initial plate availability as well as register boats. We are very excited to be able to offer this new service to residents.

Town and School Reports from 1988-2002 have been bound into hard cover reference books similar to previous reports dating back to 1862. These books are available for viewing at the Town Hall.

Some of Durham's old vital records were found at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord. These books, containing births, deaths, and marriages from 1780-1858 were apparently left with the Historical Society 60-80 years ago by the Durham Selectmen. We had long wondered where the older records were and assumed they may have been destroyed by fire years ago. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to retrieve them. They are available for viewing at the Town Hall.

As in the past, we continue to distribute Red Cross equipment to residents in need (on a loan basis), participate in the sale of Durham Ornaments for the Durham Business Association, distribute the Durham Afghan and assorted books for the Durham Historic Association, as well as other organizations items and tickets throughout the year.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Completed E-Reg Pilot.
- Implemented State approved E-Reg Program.
- Completed second year of Town Clerk Certification.

Goals for 2006:

- Review options for maintaining, protecting and preserving required records.
- Continue staff development and training. □

January 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2005

Auto Registrations	$863,464.30
Title Applications	2,398.00
Municipal Agent Fees	14,412.50
Marriage Licenses	1,800.00
Vital Statistics Copies	1,980.00
U.C.C. Recordings and Discharges	1,305.00
Dog Licenses	5,617.50
Miscellaneous	299.40
Total	**$891,276.70**
Cars Registered	6466
Dogs Registered	831

Town Clerk's Office. (l-r): Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector; Donna Hamel, Administrative Assistant; Barbara Landgraf, Deputy Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

Tax Collector

Lorrie L. Pitt

January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

	2005	2004	2003	2002
Uncollected Taxes as of 01/01/05				
Property Taxes	$ 0.00	$1,364,121.28	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Land Use change	0.00	24,000.00	0.00	0.00
Taxes Committed to Collector				
Property Taxes	$20,738,990.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	1,857.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	248,520.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	812,595.60	43,957.55	0.00	0.00
Overpayments Made During Year				
Property Taxes	58,674.08	14,310.68	2,263.32	886.73
Utilities	482.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected	6,400.48	51,308.85	2.58	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	**$21,867,520.72**	**$1,497,698.36**	**$1,265.90**	**$886.73**
Remitted to Treasurer				
Property Taxes	$19,428,626.93	$1,259,907.69	$ 0.00	$ 0.00
Yield Taxes	1,857.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	248,520.00	24,000.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	728,296.89	41,287.36	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected	6,400.48	42,974.54	0.00	0.00
Conversion to Lien	0.00	104,850.52	0.00	0.00
Abatements Made During Year				
Property Taxes	0.00	24,678.25	1,263.32	886.73
Utilities	1,541.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deeded to Town During Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes as of 12/31/05				
Property Taxes	1,369,037.15	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	83,240.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDIT	**$21,867,520.72**	**$1,497,698.36**	**$1,265.90**	**$886.73**

Tax Lien Report

January 1, 2005 thru December 31, 2005

	2004	2003	2002	2001
Balance Unredeemed Liens as of 01/01/05	$ 0.00	$ 53,999.56	$13,524.93	$5,714.11
Tax Liens Executed During Year	104,850.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs After Lien	2,394.97	6,181.54	4,681.14	2,784.10
Overpayments Made During Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS	**$ 107,245.49**	**$ 60,181.10**	**$18,206.07**	**$8,498.21**
Remitted to Treasurer:				
Tax Lien Redemptions	$ 59,641.17	$ 41,907.28	$13,389.93	$5,714.11
Interest & Costs After Lien	2,164.97	6,411.54	4,816.14	2,784.10
Abatements Made During Year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Liens Deeded to Town	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens as of 12/31/05	45,439.35	11,862.28	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CREDITS	**$ 107,245.49**	**$60,181.10**	**$18,206.07**	**$8,498.21**

Tree Warden

Michael Lynch

2005 Accomplishments:

- Twenty-one (21) dead or decaying trees were removed from Town property or the Town's right-of-way.
- The Town celebrated Arbor Day this year on December 8th, with a Memorial Tree planting. The memorial tree was a flowering pink crabapple. The tree was planted at the Old Landing Park in memory of Dorothy Wilcox.
- The Town also planted thirteen (13) Cleveland Pear Trees and fifteen (15) American Arborvitae around the Town Offices.
- The Town was honored with its 27th consecutive Tree City USA award and continues to be the leading award winner in the state of New Hampshire. The Tree City USA award is a national recognition for having an outstanding tree program.

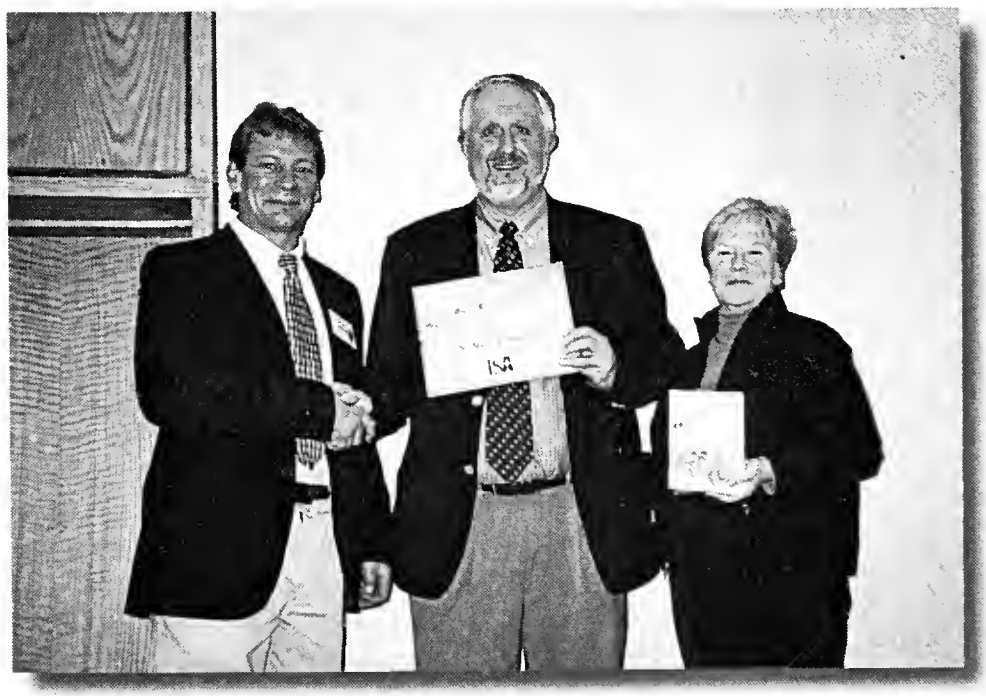
On Monday, October 24, 2005, Dr. Bruce Bragdon was awarded the 2005 International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Gold Leaf Award during a ceremony at the ISA New England Chapter Annual Regional Conference held in Burlington, VT. Dr. Bragdon was selected to receive this special recognition in honor of his landscaping and beautification efforts for the Town of Durham. Dr. Bragdon's leadership and contributions in this effort included his promotion of Durham's Tree City USA application, originating in 1978, and the development of Durham's first landscape ordinance contained within Durham's Zoning Ordinance. The ISA recognizes individuals, organizations, and communities for outstanding Arbor Day programs or community landscape beautification projects that have a significant impact on communities or regions. The ISA also presented the Town of Durham with a book in honor of Dr. Bragdon entitled *Forever Green: The Dartmouth College Campus-An Arboretum of Northern Trees,* which is on display at the Durham Public Library.

Did you know that Durham is the home to the biggest Swamp White Oak Tree in New Hampshire? The tree sits along the roadside of Back River Road on Mr. Gerald Smith's family farm.

Drought And Its Effect On Trees

Drought is probably the worst element that stresses trees. Lack of rainfall for periods in excess of seven days can produce drought symptoms in trees. Watering trees during these dry times is extremely beneficial and a good soaking once a week is better than a daily light watering. Younger trees require more water than older trees and three inches of some type of mulch around the base of the tree will help conserve moisture. □

ISA New England Chapter president Andrew Noonan presents the ISA Gold Leaf Award to Dr. Bragdon and his wife Irene. Mrs. Bragdon is holding a book that was also presented to the Town of Durham entitled *Forever Green The Dartmouth College Campus—An Arboretum of Northern Trees.*



Welfare Director

Paul J. Beaudoin

New Hampshire RSA 165 requires that each City and Town in the State of New Hampshire provide for any persons who are poor and unable to provide for themselves and that the Governing Body of each City and Town establish written guidelines relative to general assistance. On March 3, 2003 the Durham Town Council approved new written regulations relative to general assistance. Section 4-10 A-7 of the Administrative Code of the Town of Durham identifies the Business Management Department, headed by the Business Manager, as being responsible for overseeing welfare services.

The Town of Durham is dedicated to providing for those in need without regard to age, race, sex or national origin. The Business Office is compassionate towards all those seeking assistance. We work with everyone who applies, whether the applications are approved or denied, to assist them towards self-sufficiency in the future.

During 2005, the Business Office received and processed eleven (11) new applications for public assistance. Of these requests, seven (7) were approved as qualifying for assistance. One (1) was denied, as the applicant did not meet the standard of need in the regulations for general assistance and three (3) were referred to outside agencies for assistance in meeting their needs. Over the past year we also had numerous people contact our office for information concerning assistance who never submitted a formal application for assistance. As we move into 2006, there is one (1) active case of public assistance open.

During 2005, a total of $7,728.33 was provided for direct assistance. The Business Office works closely with several non-profit service providers in the area, the University of New Hampshire for students in need of assistance, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Office in Rochester, and the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrator's Association for advice and guidance on the more difficult cases.

Overall, with the economic conditions we faced in 2005, Durham's share of needy persons was remarkably low compared to surrounding communities. For the benefit of everyone, we have published our welfare regulations and the application for public assistance on the Town's website at **http://ci.durham.nh.us/departments/business_office/assistance.html**. □

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Jay E. Gooze, Chair

The Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) currently consists of five (5) regular voting members: Jay Gooze, Chair; Ted McNitt, Vice-Chair; John deCampi, Secretary; Henry Smith, and Linn Bogle. There are currently two alternates: Myleta Eng and Michael Sievert. There is one alternate position not yet filled. The Board is aided greatly by our minute taker Victoria Parmele. The accuracy of these minutes is important for any decision that might be appealed to the Courts.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is empowered to provide relief to citizens from the Zoning Ordinance when a property is unique and to interpret the Zoning Ordinance when necessary. The Board members have attended zoning law conferences to learn how to provide valid reasons for the decisions made. The Board's decisions have, so far, not been challenged this year at the level of the Superior Court.

The Board continued to hear applicants' appeals concerning occupancy of dwelling units. The Town Council has helped elucidate this question by refining the ordinance to leave no doubt that there may be no more than three (3) unrelated persons for an entire structure (including an accessory apartment).

The New Hampshire Supreme Court has made a number of rulings that serve to aid the Board in defining the hardship criterion of variance requests. The determination of hardship may vary depending on whether the request is for an area or use variance. There is still ambiguity concerning the

Court rulings, and further case decisions will likely be forthcoming.

Other important issues coming before the Board this year include wetland issues and the occupancy of fraternities. The zoning rewrite that has been ongoing this year along with public involvement has helped to guide the Board in making what we hope are fair decisions on a monthly basis.

As Chair, I want to give my thanks for the excellent work of my fellow Board members. They all work diligently to make thoughtful decisions that are in the best interest of all the citizens of Durham.

During 2005 the Durham Zoning Board of Adjustment met fifteen times. There were seventy-nine (79) applications before the Board.

Variances. There were fifty-six (56) requests for variances. Thirty-nine (39) requests were approved, seven (7) requests were denied, seven (7) requests were withdrawn and three (3) requests are still pending.

Motion for Rehearing. There were eleven (11) requests filed for motions of rehearing. Six (6) requests were denied a rehearing. Five (5) requests were granted a rehearing. Of these five requests, one (1) request was withdrawn, two (2) applications were upheld upon rehearing and two (2) applications were overturned upon rehearing.

Requests for Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Control. This provision was created by the New Hampshire Legislature in 1996 to address the situations where a good faith error was made in the citing of a building or other dimensional layout issue. There were no requests for equitable waiver this year.

Appeal of an Administrative Decision. There were nine (9) appeals of administrative decisions. Four (4) appeals were denied, three (3) appeals were approved, one (1) appeal was withdrawn and one (1) appeal was not heard because the 30-day deadline for appeal had not been met.

Special Exceptions. There were three (3) requests for special exception. One (1) request was approved and two (2) requests were withdrawn. □

2005 Zoning Board of Adjustment Breakdown of Hearings

Variance	56
Special Exception	3
Administrative Appeal	9
Equitable Waiver	0
Re-Hearing Request	11
Total	**79**

Zoning, Code Enforcement and Health Officer

Thomas Johnson

The Building Code Enforcement Department, Zoning Office, and Health Office still continue to be busy every year. As of the first of December 2005, permit applications and fees generated were about the same for this year as last year. The High School project's punch list of work outstanding has been completed. The new Hotel New Hampshire is now working on completing its punch list, and our three active residential construction subdivisions are still selling units at Fitts Farm, Allen Farm, and Sprucewoods. We have also completed other new homes around Town and many alterations and renovations to properties this year.

The Zoning Administrator continues to enforce the existing Zoning Ordinance along with the proposed posted changes that are still ongoing during the zoning re-write process. The Zoning Board of Adjustment has seen another steady year of cases heard down from 109 in 2003, 68 in 2004 to approximately 78 in 2005. Although these declining numbers have been due to the further completion of the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance by the Planning Board and Town Council, the cases can be difficult, and in some cases controversial, generating a lot of debate and participation. The Zoning Re-Write Committee's work was completed; and the proposed changes have been reviewed by both the Planning Board and Town Council with minor editing to occur early next year. The ZBA still continues to meet every month, sometimes twice a month. The cases are reviewed and dealt with accordingly, and some very difficult decisions are being made.

The Health Department had an active season with West Nile Virus and the new Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) threat this year. Durham had to respond to the many statewide positive cases and

Zoning, Code Enforcement and Health Officer, continued

media coverage. The Town had to activate its special permit by treating limited areas in response to the EEE outbreaks. Preparations are underway even now in December for the 2006 spring/summer's mosquito season. A regional review is underway to see what our neighboring towns are doing to see what has been successful in both prevention and treatment. Avian Flu has also been a concern this year with our participation in statewide drills and training.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Increased correspondence and cooperation with our local realtors, and the Durham Landlords Association has seen a drop in property transfers resulting in student rental problems. The occasional property does still become a problem and is being dealt with accordingly. However, occupancy-type complaints have gone from 42 in 2004 down to only 14 in 2005.
- No zoning cases were filed with Superior Court nor any building construction code cases appealed to the State Building Code Review Board.
- Continued participation in the International Code Council, the New Hampshire Building Officials Association, and the Seacoast Electrical Inspectors educational programs, meetings, and code development.
- Voluntary closure completed of two of our gasoline stations: Smitty's Sunoco to be redeveloped in 2006 as an Irving Station/Retail Convenience Store, and the Cumberland Farms currently in negotiations to be sold and redeveloped as possibly a restaurant next year.
- Continued successful cooperation with neighborhood groups in our enforcement efforts to provide "neighborhood conservation" with enforcement of occupancy limitations.
- High School construction punch list items completed.
- The Hotel New Hampshire opened as scheduled.
- Participation in the Southern Strafford Community Health Coalition for regional planning and mutual aid preparedness.
- Implementation of the new Zoning requirements for septic systems for proposed subdivisions with an arrangement with the Rockingham County Conservation District to provide the Code Enforcement Officer a certified independent New Hampshire Soil Scientist to review proposed test pits.
- Continued improvements along Madbury/Garrison Road area with our multi-unit and Greek housing system landlords doing some extensive improvements. □

Construction Permits Processed

	2005	2004	2003
Building Permits	241	250	263
Building Permits Denied	35	36	66
Building Permits Withdrawn	2	4	1
Demolition Permits	8	8	10
Building Permits On Hold	1	0	4
Septic Permits/Test Pits	21	25	68
Electric Permits	194	186	162
Plumbing/Mechanical Permits	160	145	124
Total Permits	**662**	**666**	**698**
Value of Building Permits Given	$10,969,818	$12,638,895	$9,267,385
Fees Collected for all Permits	$69,859*	$47,803	$55,040

**Includes fee for the Hotel New Hampshire*

Breakdown Of Building Permits

	2005	2004	2003
New Single Family House	14	17	14
New Multi-Family Units	13	14	27
Additions, Renovations	181	176	159
Commercial (New & Renovations)	13	25	32
Demolition	8	8	10
Hold/Renewals	10	10	10
Swimming Pools	4	2	3
Other Permits			
Signs	25	22	19
Sidewalk Cafes	5	5	4
Totals all Permits	**273**	**279**	**278**

Average Value for New Homes 2005: $251,831

Durham Ambulance Corps (McGregor Memorial Ambulance)

Patrick Ahearn, NREMT-P, President

"Committed to Compassionate Excellence"

DAC McGregor Memorial Ambulance is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing emergency ambulance services to the communities of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and UNH. Our volunteers include residents of Durham, Lee and Madbury, and students at UNH. Founded in 1968 in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor, we recently celebrated our 37th anniversary providing exemplary emergency services to the community. DAC McGregor maintains an organizational commitment to excellence, and prides itself on being one of the most cost-effective, highly trained and professionally organized ambulance services in the state. Compassionate service is the hallmark of our organization. To learn more about DAC McGregor, visit our website at www.dac.unh.edu.

In 2005, DAC McGregor responded to 828 calls in Durham and on the UNH campus, a 1.5% increase from 2004. In addition to the calls in Durham, we responded to 263 calls in Lee, 67 calls in Madbury, and 87 calls to other communities. For 2006, we are projecting over 1300 calls total, a 6% increase.

In 2005, 55% of patients required Advanced Life Support (ALS), usually a paramedic. This is an increase from 53 % in 2004. This is a long-standing trend, both locally and nationally.

In 2005, the DAC added four (4) new EMT-Intermediates and one (1) new Paramedic, bringing the total to seven (7) active Paramedics, eighteen (18) EMT-Intermediates and over thirty (30) EMT-Basics.

2005 Accomplishments:

- **Vehicle Fleet Increased to Two Full-Time and One Reserve Ambulance.** DAC McGregor completed the purchase of its newest ambulance, replacing our older 1996 ambulance. The 1996 ambulance was retained as a "reserve" ambulance. The reserve ambulance ensures that two front-line ambulances are always available, and allows us to offer three ambulances for major events.
- **Cost Savings Initiatives.** Through the implementation of several cost savings initiatives, we limited the growth of the budget contribution from the communities we serve to fewer than 3%. Over the last five years, despite sharply increasing healthcare costs, we have managed to avoid any significant increase in the budget contributions from the communities. These initiatives included creating a formal inventory management system that better controls the volume of supplies we keep, convincing the hospital to replace more of the expensive medications and supplies that we use, and rethinking how we manage equipment to reduce the cost of reserve equipment.
- **Implemented Substantially New Patient Care Protocols.** Responding to a substantial overhaul of the medical guidelines that govern the practice of medicine by EMTs, we developed new training and protocol guidance materials and engaged in extensive training and testing of personnel. We shared our efforts and materials with local fire and EMS agencies, in order to make the most efficient use of Durham tax dollars.
- **DAC McGregor Grows as Center of EMS Education.** Enhancing our role providing regional support for EMS, we increased the breadth and depth of our educational offerings. In the past year, we offered the following courses: EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Basic refresher, Emergency Vehicle Operators Course Instructor, and CPR instructor. We also became a Training Center for the American Heart Association.

Durham Ambulance Corps, continued

- **Revamped Website (www.dac.unh.edu).** Our volunteers completely revamped our website to make DAC McGregor more accessible to the public, prospective members, and other local EMS agencies. Paul Harris, a volunteer EMT, has devoted over 300 hours to this endeavor.
- **Low-Cost CPR Instruction for the Residents of Durham.** Over the past year we have increased the CPR and First Aid training offered to the residents of Durham, including low cost classes in the Oyster River Schools and at the Durham Public Library. CPR saves lives!

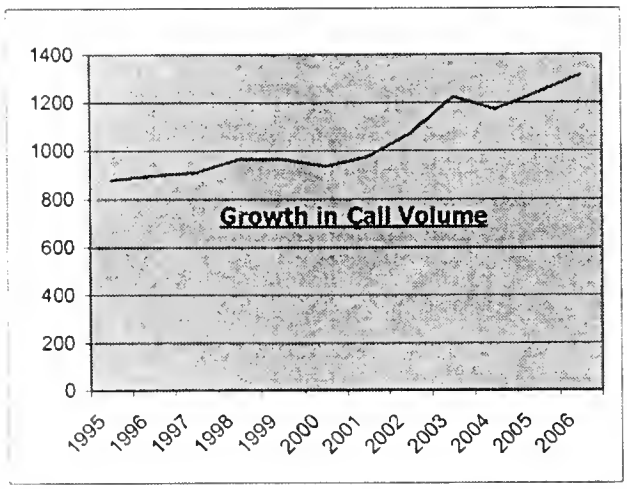
Goals for 2006:

Our operational goals for 2006 include continuing the initiatives we began in 2005:

- Increase roster of volunteer Basic and Advanced Life Support providers.
- Continue to expand EMS educational offerings for area EMS agencies.
- Offer an EMT-Basic class in 2006 with faculty members Ken Hult, a UNH Professor with 20 years experience teaching EMS and Karen Henny, a paramedic with 13 years experience and a UNH instructor in EMS.
- Increase public CPR and emergency safety classes.
- Hold a biennial fundraising campaign to support long-term growth.
- Develop additional cost savings initiatives.
- Increase the percentage of billings collected.
- Investigate the availability of grant money.
- Seek lower cost vendors.

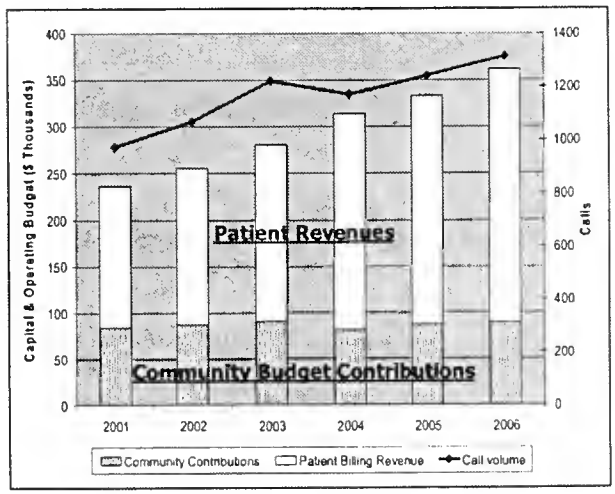
We invite interested members of the public to ride along with ambulance crews and observe DAC McGregor in action. This program is open to anyone, including residents, reporters, and potential EMTs. DAC McGregor is always seeking qualified volunteers, including both EMTs and others interested in volunteering in non-medical capacities. DAC McGregor provides tours of its station and Advanced Life Support ambulances. Feel free to contact our General Manager at 603-862-3674 or **manager@daconline.org.** □

Call Volume Trends and Projections



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	**2005**	**2006**
Annual Calls	934	974	1069	1224	1171	***1241***	***1315***
% Increase	-3%	4%	10%	14%	*-4%*	***6%***	***6%***

Community Budget Contributions Versus Total Budget and Call Volume



Community budget contributions have, in the aggregate, grown by only about 1% per year, while call volume has increased on average by 6% per year.

Fire Department

Michael Blake, Interim Fire Chief

Changes and progress were the standard in 2005 as the department said "enjoy your retirement" to Chief Ronald P. O'Keefe and Captain Thomas "Timmy" Richardson. The nearly sixty years of education and experience they used for the greater good of not only fire service but to the Town of Durham will be missed.

Laid to rest this past year was Retired Captain John Rines who was responsible for nearly every change in fire service training, and agree or disagree, he was always ahead of the curve. We were indeed fortunate to have these men within our ranks as they did make a difference.

I had the privilege of leading the department as its Interim Chief through the summer and fall seasons. The men and women of the department deserve most of the credit for the list of goals and accomplishments that follow because without their hard work and dedication none of these items could have been accomplished.

Looking into the future, we as emergency services providers will strive to build on previous successes but not without a critical eye toward always trying to make the future better. As an old Chinese proverb says: "One generation plants the tree, the next enjoys the shade".

2005 Accomplishments:

- Reduced the ISO Fire Insurance rating from a class nine to a class four.
- Piloted the EMS re-certification program in Durham.
- Trained department personnel at the state certified level of Introduction to Rescue Systems, which is a prerequisite for any further advanced rescue training.
- Accepted into the Yamaha "Law-Loaner" Program. This particular grant enabled us to refine and become more efficient in water rescue with the donation of a personal watercraft.

Fire Department Incidents 2005

	UNH INCIDENTS	TOWN INCIDENTS
Structure Fires	9	*14
Other Fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	9	17
Emergency Medical	390	419
Extrications	13	2
Spills/Leaks (No Ignition)	5	16
Service Calls	126	271
Smoke Investigations	23	27
Malicious False Alarms	6	17
Unintentional False Alarms	66	109
Good Intent Calls	14	31
System Malfunction	53	16
False Calls Not Classified	10	14
Miscellaneous (assist police, arcing electrical equipment)	26	29
Totals	**750**	**983**
Town and UNH Combined Total	**1733**	

**= 5 building fires were out of town responses for mutual aid*

Three Year Average

	UNH	TOWN
Cost Share Rates for 2006	45%	55%
2005	43%	57%
2004	46%	54%
2003	46%	54%

Durham youngster poses for a photo while touring the Fire Department. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Worked with other Town departments to finish up the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Replaced the "Jaws of Life" tool that was showing its age after fifteen years.
- Worked with the public to enhance the awareness of first aid and CPR.
- Attended a one-day refresher in "Ice - Water" Rescue.
- Provided education to parents through the Child Safety Seat Program and also provided families with appropriate safety seats who were without.
- Received a donation to purchase a fire simulator for fire extinguisher training to the community, schools, and industry, if needed.
- Offered a NASBLA-approved boater license program to all interested Fire Department personnel that was taught by Call Firefighter Richard Many "Stogie".
- Neared completion of a 15,000 gallon water supply cistern which will aid in the firefighting effort in the Pinecrest /Ffrost Road neighborhood.

Goals for 2006:

- Seek and secure grant funding and continue to offset costs to the community.
- Provide residents, visitors, and property owners of Durham with outstanding fire protection and EMS services.
- Begin the national "Fire Department Accreditation" process.
- Perform an EMS Mass Casualty drill.
- Expand on the EMS access of AED program.
- Offer additional first aid and CPR classes to family-related incidents and sports related injuries.
- Provide for the growth and retention of current employees.
- Continue to evaluate the department's delivery of emergency medical services.
- Work continuously to provide the best service to the Town while holding costs down.
- Reintroduce to the community the first motorized piece of fire apparatus that Durham purchased. □

Forest Fire Warden

Michael Blake, Interim Fire Chief

In 2005, Durham continued to be one of the very few communities that did not suffer negative effects from brush and grass fires. Fortunately the citizens and Fire Department personnel worked together through increased efforts in our communications with one another. On record for the year was one small incident. This is a positive result of a community that is very much aware of the dangers of unattended fires.

This past year, the Forest Fire Rules underwent a rewrite and changes related to the permit process. There is no charge to receive a permit, and the average end user will probably notice small changes particularly to new "classifications" of permitted sizes. As with any rule change, it is best to review these at the time the permit is drawn. Items that apply to specific fires vary slightly but are well defined.

Fire permit rules are available to the general public, if requested. The department asks that citizens call before burning if they have a seasonal permit as this stops unneeded responses to homes if passersby see open fire at a residence. Please continue to monitor our web www.ci.durham.nh.us for new information. Remember, only you can prevent forest fires! □

Police Department

David Kurz, Police Chief

This is the ninth annual report I have completed during my tenure as Police Chief for the Durham community. We continue our goal to provide professional services in a cost-efficient manner, continuously reflecting the desires of the entire community. While this goal may sound like a cliché, I can assure you that every member of this organization strives to meet your needs in a manner that they would want if our roles were reversed. No new personnel were added to the department during this calendar year but I can assure you that the department has honed the hiring process with the knowledge that it is the people who comprise the organization that are the true measure of its' quality and effectiveness. This premise is highlighted by the police profession where services are often confidential and extremely personal and very much affected by the quality of the officer and the training they receive. The caliber of the department's staff and their commitment to this community is indicative of the solid recruiting and selection process utilized by the department, all of which is designed to provide services to you.

David Kurz
Police Chief

2005 Accomplishments:

- Held an external community meeting to assist the department in targeting the needs and desires of the citizens.
- Developed a notifying mechanism to inform landlords of police calls to their property. Each quarter, a copulation of all police calls to rental property will be produced and distributed.
- Developed a policy regarding parking at the Depot Road parking lot to become the regulatory oversight of parking at this renovated location.
- Developed an enhanced evidence retention area as the result of a series of suggestions from professional storage personnel all designed to maximize the extremely cramped evidence room. With the addition of a drug investigator, the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) office area was reconfigured to handle the added person.
- Developed and mailed a community survey to Durham citizens. This survey was that was accomplished by working cooperatively with Dr. Andy Smith at the UNH Survey Department.
- Continued to maintain accredited status after an inspection by three police managers from other states and a review by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies at its annual meeting.
- A review committee reanalyzed the issues surrounding a transition from the UNH/Durham Dispatch Center to the Strafford County Sheriff's Department. Their recommendations have allowed for an intelligent and well-conceived discussion of the potential for a transition to Strafford County.

In reflection of last year's report, I am pleased to inform you that the "Celebratory Riots" that were occurring with far too much frequency in the Durham/UNH community have diminished. This national phenomenon presented unique challenges to Durham as the host community to a large educational institution. It is obvious that the key to our successful formula rests in our ability to problem-solve with our community. Working collaboratively with all segments of the Durham/UNH community, steps have been employed that show significant promise to prevent these events from reoccurring. We continue to use our positive relationship with our community, in combination with a business like dedication to customer service, to ensure success. Partnerships with all of our neighborhoods, each with

their own unique issues, have served to open dialogue between the police and the residents creating an environment where we learn to help each other.

I would like to thank the members of the Durham Police Department for their commitment to this community and the countless contributions they have made over this past year. We look forward to working together in providing the level of service that the Durham community has come to expect from its Police Department. □

Police Department Statistics

ACTIVITY	2005	2004	2003
Arrests	545	545	404
Assaults	66	56	53
Thefts	147	144	122
Noise Complaints	60	109	169
Alcohol Violations	270	267	221
DWI	57	48	42
Accidents	263	233	274
Traffic Contacts	4,768	5,111	3,712
Calls for Service	11,118	11,718	11,390

Director of Public Works

Michael Lynch

As I complete my fifth year as your Director of Public Works and my twenty-eighth year of employment with the Town, I continue to feel excited and energized about the challenges that face us each day here at the Public Works Department. The roadway-resurfacing program was our top priority this year, and I am proud to report that it was successfully completed in the fall. I am thankful that the Town continues to support our road program and understands how vital these programs are to our transportation system. We know that good roads benefit all Town residents, and provide a sense of community pride and economic development. The department also finalized the plans to modify the guardrail system at the Packers Falls Bridge. Construction will begin in the spring of 2006.

The most exciting project we started in 2005 was the remediation and revitalization of the former Craig Supply property; now know as the Depot Road Lot. We applied for and received from the United States Environmental Protection Agency a Brownfields Grant in the amount of $200,000 for 2005. The Town was awarded this grant at a special ceremony held in Governor John Lynch's office on May 10, 2005. The department also applied for a second Brownfields clean up grant for this important economic development project. Other accomplishments in 2005 included the new municipal parking lot at the Town Hall, the purchase of a new roll-off truck for the Sanitation Division and the replacement of the backhoe, which is shared by the Operations, Water, and Wastewater Divisions. Another interesting accomplishment was the installation of a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) System. This system allows public works officials to monitor the water distribution system from the public works facility.

In the fall we said good-bye to our Town Engineer, Robert "Bob" Levesque. Bob recently accepted a partnership in his father-in-law's construction company. We wish him the best of luck in his new career. We are very excited to welcome Mr. David Cedarholm to our public works team as the new Town Engineer. David is a Professional Civil Engineer and also has a degree in Geology. David lives in Lee with his wife and two children, and is very involved in his community.

Director of Public Works Michael Lynch accepts a $200,000.00 Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Grant on behalf of the Town. Presenting the grant are Governor John Lynch and EPA Administrator Robert Varney. Also pictured is Michael Nolin, Commissioner for the Department of Environmental Services.

Director of Public Works, continued

Goals for 2006:

- Sidewalk renovations on Petteebrook Lane/Main Street and Faculty Road.
- Roadway reclamation/resurfacing of Laurel Lane, Kelsey Drive, Chesley Drive, Meader Lane, Park Court, Tall Pines Road, Faculty Road, Adams Circle, Rocky Lane, Fairchild Drive, Stagecoach Road, Thompson Lane, and Ross Road.
- Complete engineering and start repairs of the Wiswall dam.
- Replace the Burnham Avenue wastewater line.
- Complete new water and wastewater ordinances.

In closing I would like to once again say what a pleasure it was to serve the residents of Durham in 2005, and we look forward to continuing to make Durham a very special place to live and work in 2006. □

Operations Division

Douglas Bullen, Assistant Director of Operations

Weather has a major impact on the division's overall operations, and this past year was no exception. Lots of snow and unusually high rainfall contributed to a very busy year. Department of Public Works crews worked hard throughout the year completing projects and responding to everyday situations that arise. Public service is our number one goal, and each and every year we work to achieve a high level of service provided to the residents. We appreciate any questions, comments or concerns brought forward by the residents that will help us in our ability to service the Town. I would like to thank everyone for their support over this past year, and look forward to the coming year and its challenges.

Operations Division. Back row (l-r): Burton Austin, David Seeley, Brian Beers, Bonnie McDermott, Arthur Nutter and Steven Valpey. Front row (l-r): Charles Dill, Dwight Richard and Glen Clark.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Completed the annual spring cleanup in May. All Department of Public Works staff assisted in this effort that took two weeks to complete. Over 140 tons of material was collected curbside and transported to various disposal facilities.
- Completed fall clean up in November with a noticeable reduction in material. The totals for both leaves and brush decreased by approximately one-third. Hopefully this is a sign of more residents composting or bringing their material to the transfer station and recycling center for disposal. There was almost one hundred percent (100%) participation by residents using paper leaf bags, which is another great step for the community. We collected seven (7) tons of leaves and twenty (20) tons of brush over a two-week period.
- Successfully completed the 2005 road program. Continental Paving of Londonderry, NH was the low bidder for the second year in a row. The

entire Foss Farm road area was either resurfaced or reclaimed and has made a tremendous improvement to the neighborhood both in terms of safety and maintenance in the future. Public works crews were able to update drainage in the area in conjunction with the road work to further the longevity of the roadways. Another part of the program was the repaving of the parking lots at both the Town hall and the police station which had come under disrepair over the years. All roads that were completed this year were reclaimed or had a shim and overlay. Reclaiming a road way is grinding up the existing pavement and then grading the surface and putting down 3 inches of asphalt. A shim and overlay is the placement of about 1.5 inches of asphalt over an existing asphalt road. After both types of treatment a shoulder gravel is installed to the pavement edges to ease transitions and drainage issues.

- Completed crack filling on various roadways with over 18,000 pounds of material.
- Completed painting of the crosswalks and traffic markings, and all the red pattern walkways.
- Completed painting of the roadway center and edge lines. This work was performed by L&D Safety markings of Barre, VT who also did the thermoplastic work in the downtown area to mark the crosswalks. This material is a high temperature marking material that gives better visibility and greater durability.
- Screened over 3000 cubic yards of sand from the Town-owned pit on Packers Falls Road. This material is then transported to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and mixed with salt for winter weather use.
- Contracted the cleaning of catch basins to comply with Federal stormwater mandates. This is our second year in this program and over 175 basins were cleaned.
- Assisted with the demolition of the old public works buildings and the former Craig supply site on Depot Road. Renault Trucking of Berwick, ME was the primary contractor for the project. The removal of the old public works buildings allowed us to update the parking lot and eliminate the potential hazards and upkeep presented by the antiquated structures. The former Craig supply site presented more unique issues with regards to the contaminated soils on site. After the buildings were removed, Town crews worked to remove non-contaminated materials in and around the demolished buildings and re-grade the area. Town crews also placed a protective membrane over the areas that were identified as contaminated and placed material over the membrane and graded these areas. 2006 should see a lot of action at Depot Road with the final drainage, asphalt, and landscaping portions being completed.
- Painted the exterior of the Durham Police Department. Work was performed by F.A Grey of Portsmouth, NH.
- Performed general upkeep of all Town-owned properties and facilities.
- Responded to any citizen concerns that arose.
- Completed maintenance to the Town-owned fleet. This includes all police public works, and solid waste and wastewater vehicles.
- Purchased a new JCB backhoe loader to be used in day-to-day operations.
- Worked with the Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club to coordinate the sensational Fourth of July fireworks celebration. □

Solid Waste Division

Douglas Bullen, Assistant Director of Operations

The Public Works Department has received positive comments from residents about the new look and ease of use of the transfer station and recycling center. Not only are more residents taking advantage of the facility, but the department has also noticed an increase in the amount of items being recycled. Over 25,000 visits were logged in at the facility this past year, indicating a twenty-five percent (25%) increase over the previous year. Much of this activity can be attributed to the brisk business at the Swap Shop. The Swap Shop is always busy, and residents seem to enjoy the social atmosphere that is an important part of our operation. We strive to be people-friendly and service-orientated while maintaining a professional working relationship.

Recycling markets continue to be strong and we will continue to market our materials in a sound fiscal manner. We are always seeking new ideas and methods to make our operation more environmentally sensitive and cost-effective. I would like to thank all the solid waste staff for their hard work during the past year as they are what make the operation run smoothly on a daily basis.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Purchased a new roll off vehicle for transportation of materials generated at the facility. The new 2006 Sterling will be a welcomed addition to the operation. It will be replacing the Mack roll off that was jointly shared with UNH. This new vehicle will be solely used and owned by the Town of Durham.
- Worked with the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) to review issues, methods, and procedures relating to disposal and collection of materials.
- Completed yearly collection schedule flyer and general informational newsletter.
- Conducted the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection day allowing residents the proper manner in which to dispose of dangerous materials.
- Continued to market all materials and evaluate their associated costs and income.
- Assisted the Operations Division with its fall and spring clean up programs.
- Conducted yearly training for employees to maintain their Department of Environmental Services (DES) certifications.
- Purchased new recycling containers to replace old defective units, and to keep up with their growing demand.
- Solid Waste Division employee Jim Couch received his NHDES level 3 certification. □

2005 Solid Waste Division Data

TONS OF MATERIAL MARKETED	2005	2004	2003
Recyclable Material:			
Mixed Paper	529	543	520
Cardboard	122	129	119
Scrap Metal	98	123	92
Car Batteries	3	4	2
Totals	**752**	**799**	**733**
Recycling Revenue	$39,996	$49,272	$14,755
Tip Fee Avoidance	$42,887	$45,567	$40,586
Other Material Recycled:			
Commingled Containers	293	280	272
Textiles	n/a	n/a	10
Car Tires	8	7	10
Waste Oil-gallons	771	803	870
Antifreeze-gallons	173	110	55
Leaves	15	12	14
Electronics	11	11	n/a
Propane Tanks-each	0	273	356
Materials Disposed:			
Curbside Collection	1,581	1,490	1,459
Refuse Total	1,581	1,490	1,459
Bulky Waste	280	412	443
Construction & Demolition	173	181	105
SWMF Permits Issued	1100	958	1001
Electronic Stickers Sold	545	558	340

Town Engineer

David Cedarholm P.E.

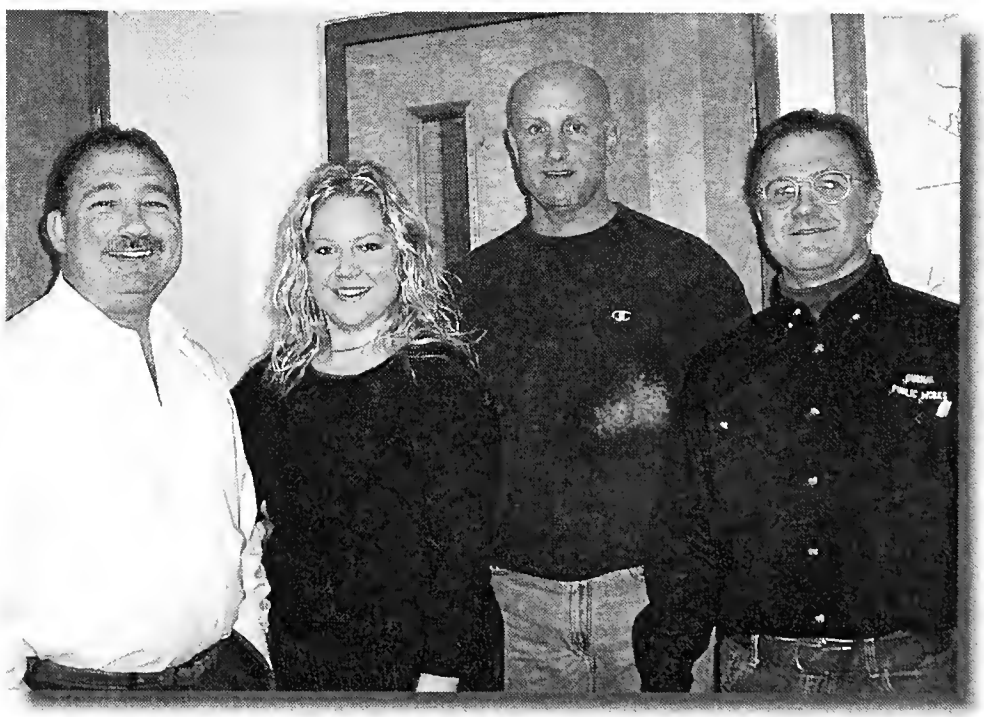
2005 was a very busy year in the Engineering Division. We experienced a major change in staffing as Robert Levesque resigned on November 30th to take a job as a partner in his father-in-laws' construction company, and I am excited about the opportunity to be your new Town Engineer. The Town Engineer continues to be the individual that most Town staff looks to for advice and/or clarification for a myriad of technical issues they deal with on a daily basis. Town residents also seek advice frequently about subjects such as driveways, wells, septic systems, road designs, water and wastewater issues, wetland permits, and drainage issues just to mention a few. Mr. Levesque in the first eleven months of 2005 worked on many projects. Examples of some of these projects are:

- Administered the Town's Storm Water II Permit.
- Worked closely with the Director on the road resurfacing program.
- Designed the new parking lot at the Town Offices.
- Finalized the modifications to the Packers Falls Bridge railings.
- Designed the drainage system for the Depot Road lot.
- Designed the parking lot at the Depot Road site.
- Selected the engineering firm to design repairs to the Wiswall dam.
- Professionally advised Town staff regarding the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Worked closely with the Army Corps of Engineers on the proposed natural fish passage way.
- Continued to develop the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS).

Engineering has worked with the Planning Department on the development of the new proposed zoning maps for the Town, as well as establishing base maps in GIS format. Engineering also sat as the Town's representative on a number of committees and boards, the Regional Outfall Study Commission, the Bellamy and Oyster River Watershed Protection Partnership (BORWPP), Wiswall Fish Passage Working Group, and the Main Street Design Committee.

In closing, please allow me to tell you a bit about myself. My name is David Cedarholm and I am a Licensed Professional Civil Engineer. Previously, I worked as an engineering consultant for twelve years, and carry degrees in Geology and Civil Engineering. My wife and I have been residents of Lee for sixteen years and we have two children in the Oyster River schools. I am the Chair of the Lee Water Resources Advisory Committee and a former member of the Lee Solid Waste Advisory Committee. I look forward to meeting with Durham residents, and please give me a call anytime you think I may be of assistance. □

Administrative Staff. (l-r) Michael Lynch, Director of Public Works; Janice Hoglund, Admin. Assistant, Douglas Bullen, Asst. Director of Operations; David Cedarholm, Town Engineer.



Wastewater Division

Duane Walker, Superintendent

2005 Accomplishments:

- New chains and wear shoes were installed in the #3 Primary Sedimentation Tank.
- Two (2) new Primary Sludge Pumps were received and installed to replace the badly worn original units.
- A new Secondary Scum pump was ordered, received, and installed by the staff.
- A new Domestic Water Heater was purchased and installed to replace the original which was leaking.
- A new 10 horsepower Plant Water System Pump was replaced under warrantee by the system manufacturer.
- Two (2) new Main Flow Gates were purchased and installed in the Chlorine Contact Tanks by the staff.
- The 1993 International SSI Compost Mixing Truck, no longer in use, was sold to the Town of Hooksett.
- 33,810 feet of sewer mains were cleaned as part of our annual sewer cleaning program.
- The staff received training on the newly installed Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system which basically controls 75% of the systems in the Treatment Plant.

Wastewater Statistics

PERMIT PARAMETERS	AVG 2005 TOTAL	AVG 2004 TOTAL	AVG 2003 TOTAL
Avg Flow MGD	1.16	0.95	0.94
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	7.9	8	22
Avg.% TSS Removal min.85%	96.6	95.6	85.9
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	6.3	6.5	7.1
Avg.% BOD Removal min. 85%	96.8	95.2	93.1
Total Flow (MG)	**420.6**	**347.4**	**338.6**
Septage Received (Gal.)	13,500	0	52,000

MGD.....Million Gallons per Day
TSS.....Total Suspended Solids
BOD.....Biochemical Oxygen Demand
MG/L.....Milligrams per Litre
MG.....Million Gallons
Gal.....Gallons

We continue to operate with only one Final Clarifier as the second failed and is in the process of being replaced. Late in March heavy rains caused the flows to increase to 4.78 million gallons in one day, washing some solids into the Oyster River and violating our Discharge Permit. The staff had no control of this situation, and this has been the only instance of a violation in over two years of operating with the Plant at 50% capacity. □

Wastewater Division. Standing (l-r): Daniel "Max" Driscoll, Lloyd Gifford, Steven Goodwin, Duane Walker. Sitting: Clara Camuso-Reed with Timmy

Water Division

Douglas Bullen, Assistant Director of Operations

2005 Accomplishments:

- Interacted daily with the University of New Hampshire Water Department and Treatment Plant personnel to produce potable water to the Durham/University of New Hampshire water system. Helped produce and distribute the lead and copper public notification document and the consumer confidence report as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of New Hampshire.
- Conducted regularly scheduled testing for bacteria lead and copper as required by the EPA and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).
- Completed spring and fall mainline flushing and gate valve inspection in cooperation with the University of New Hampshire Water Department.
- Conducted regular inspections of all Town water facilities including the Beech Hill and Foss Farm water tanks and various booster pump stations.
- Monitored daily the Lee well water production and its introduction into the distribution system.
- Performed winter maintenance on the system including hydrant anti-freeze and snow markings.
- Responded to citizen and contractor requests and concerns.
- Installed eleven (11) new water meters.
- Replaced sixteen (16) old or defective meters.
- Repaired two (2) water main breaks.
- Repaired one (1) water service.
- Replaced six (6) water valves.
- Inspected twelve (12) new water installations. □

Town Administrator Todd Selig assists DPW employee Arthur "Artie" Nutter on his rounds.

Notes

AIDS Response Seacoast

Wendy L. Noyes, Interim Executive Director

AIDS Response-Seacoast (ARS) is a non-profit, community-based HIV/AIDS service organization dedicated to providing education, direct assistance, and advocacy for persons and communities affected by HIV/AIDS. We provide direct service to clients at all stages of HIV infection living in Rockingham, Strafford, and southern York counties and educational programs throughout New England. ARS evolved as a grassroots response to the epidemic in 1987 to offer vital emotional and practical support to people living with HIV infection and AIDS.

2005 Accomplishments:

The ARS Prevention Education Department has provided services to residents of the Durham area during the 2005 calendar year. We respond to all requests for HIV/AIDS education programs and consult with requesting persons to design culturally competent and appropriate training, awareness, education, and prevention programs. We also work collaboratively with the University of New Hampshire on many levels, such as working with their Health and Wellness department, presenting programs to student groups, and having University interns and volunteers in our office. While it costs ARS approximately $40 per person to educate about HIV and AIDS, all of our services and programs are free. We reach between 7,000-10,000 people a year.

The ARS Client Services Department provides direct assistance through case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS. During the past calendar year, we have provided case management services to clients from Durham. Thirty-two units of case management were delivered, and through this assistance other services and referrals were provided such as complementary therapies, legal assistance housing assistance, utility assistance, transportation, social events, access to food and personal care pantry, mental health referrals, and nutritional counseling and supplements. It costs ARS approximately $4,000 per client per year to provide these critical services.

On an ongoing basis, ARS receives calls from area residents, including Durham residents, who have questions about HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), risk behaviors, transmission issues, and testing. Some of these individuals are referred to area providers or to the ARS clinic for free HIV counseling and testing, STD counseling, testing and treatment, or Hepatitis vaccines. Literature and prevention materials are also given to anyone requesting at no cost.

Goals for 2006:

The goals that ARS has set for this coming year are to continue providing services to the residents of Durham and the surrounding seacoast area as long as this pandemic is among us. We will continue to build bridges with other area providers and work with them to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, as well as providing services to those affected by the disease. As always, we will work hard toward developing effective and creative new ways to raise funds and will continue to hold our four successful annual fundraisers: the Red Ribbon Ball, the Gala, the Annual AIDS Walk, and the Annual Twilight Auction. □

Durham Historic Association

Alexander R. Amell, President

The Durham Historic Association's (DHA) roots go back to 1851. This makes it the oldest Historic Association in the State of New Hampshire and one of the oldest (some have said it is the oldest) in the United States. It is the preserver of the Town's artifacts and guardian of the history that has marked Durham's growth from a riverside agricultural community to a complex Town. While the Association is a private institution, it is closely tied to the Town. In addition to preserving the Town's history, it also keeps the citizens of the Town informed about the nature and identity of their present community. Durham is the sum of its past experiences.

At our first meeting of the year in October Mark Foynes, Director of Education at the New Hampshire Historical Society and a native of Plaistow, NH, with degrees from St. Anslems College and the University of New Hampshire, presented "Health for Sale: Patent Medicine Advertising, 1800-1920" This was a fascinating look at the origin and development of "snake oil" nostrum advertising in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Often comic and always exaggerated, the claims of advertisers were free to boast of the seemingly infinite healing properties of products such as Dr. Hostetter's Celebrated Stomach Bitters, Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Ayers Sarsaparilla, and Carter's Little Liver Pills. Period advertisements illustrate how manufacturers sought to convince an ailing public of the miraculous attributes of products that contained as much as 45 percent (45%) alcohol by volume.

In January one of our members, Pamela Weeks Worthen, presented "An Introduction to Signature Quilts." At this very interesting meeting, Pam displayed a quilt depicting her family's history. Several other quilts were displayed and evaluated by Pam.

The April meeting brought Mr. William Copley, Librarian of the New Hampshire Historical Society, to Durham to present: "The Concord Coach: New Hampshire's Best Known Product." He gave a brief history of the Abbott-Downing Company of Concord followed by pictures and descriptions of the more than forty different styles of horse-drawn vehicles produced by the company. Included were photos of the Society's own coach, one of the best preserved coaches still in existence.

Our annual picnic in June was at Wagon Hill Farm. On a beautiful early summer evening Maryanna Hatch, a longtime member of the Durham Historic Society and a resident of Durham from 1949 to 1995, talked about the history of Wagon Hill Farm including the acquisition of the site by the Town of Durham.

Now that the Museum is air-conditioned we were able to be open for visitations during June, July, and August. Assisting Museum committee members Dick Dewing, Marney Sumner, and Alma Tirrell were several members of the Association: Charles Clark, Bob Dishman, Leta Flather, Karen Haslerud, Dick Lord, Margaret McKenna,

On June 29, 2005 the Dewey Hannah House was moved from its original location on the sharp bend of Packers Falls Road to its new foundation further down on the property heading toward Newmarket. The Dewey's wanted to move the house away from the road and off the corner to provide better sight distances for traffic. RICHARD LORD PHOTO

Joyce Mills, Kay Morgan, Dot and Gerry Smith, Peter Smith, Don Thompson, and Doug Wheeler. Our thanks to all these people. Anyone wishing to visit the Museum may make arrangements by calling Marney Sumner (868-2579) or Alma Tirrell (869-2200). Anyone interested in helping in the Museum may volunteer by calling either Marney or Alma. We also invite you to attend any of our meetings or to join the Association.

A still unresolved problem: The Museum is very crowded and not easily accessible. We need more room. Some of our artifacts must be kept in storage instead of being displayed. A long-range goal, should the Durham District Courthouse be moved to a new location, is the expansion of the Museum to the first floor of the Old Town Hall.

In closing, I wish to thank all of the members of the Executive Board for their interest and efforts in keeping the Association focused and progressing. One member deserving special thanks is Dick Lord who was instrumental in acquiring and installing a new computer system to replace the antique computer we previously had. Dick also is responsible for the preparation of the web page we now have on the Internet. To view it go to Durham's Home page and click on Durham Historic Association, or go directly to it by entering the following address in your browser: **www.ci.durham.nh.us/community/historic/dha.**html. □

The Homemakers Health Services

Claudette Boutin, Chief Executive Officer

Established in 1974, the mission of The Homemakers Health Services is to provide safe, comprehensive, reliable, and professional home healthcare, home support, and adult medical day care services to those adults of Strafford County who need them in order to maintain independence and quality of life in the home; and to prevent, if possible, unnecessary hospitalization or nursing home placement.

We work towards the fulfillment of our mission with dedication and teamwork. Above all, we value personal dignity, independence, and quality of life, and strive for excellence in the quality of the healthcare we provide.

To accomplish our mission, The Homemakers provides home heath, home support, adult medical day care, and community wellness programs.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Provided 18,095 skilled visits — nursing, rehabilitative therapies, medical social work, home, and home health aides.
- Began providing infusion therapy. Combining high tech with high touch through a new telemonitoring program which was incorporated into our home health program. This program allows us to monitor patients seven days a week and provide early intervention to decrease or eliminate emergency room visits and/or hospitalization.
- Provided 5,724 hours of home support services — homemaker, in-home care, and Alzheimer's respite.
- Provided 40,689 hours of adult medical/social day care.
- Offered many community wellness programs including flu clinics, Aerobics of the Mind, Strong Living, Friend to Friend and hosted a TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter.
- Provided $3,996,107 worth of home health, support, and adult medical day car visits to elderly and disabled persons throughout Strafford County.
- $178,688 worth of non-reimbursed home health and adult medical day care services. More than half ($99,556) of that amount was for home support and adult day care services.

Goals for 2006:

- Continue to provide high quality, cost-effective home health, home support, adult medical day care, and community wellness service to adults throughout Strafford County.
- Continue to provide access to health care, regardless of ability to pay.
- Optimize efficiency and service quality.
- Continue to respond proactively to the health care needs of adults in our community and service area. □

Lamprey Health Care

Phyllis Eldridge, Ancillary Services Manager

Lamprey Health Care, the oldest community health center in New Hampshire, is a thirty-four year old nonprofit community health care organization providing primary medical services, social services, information and referral, and transportation to seniors and disabled residents in Durham and thirty-one (31) other communities. We wish to thank the citizens of Durham for their continuing support.

Primary care medical services span prenatal to geriatric age groups. No one is refused care because they cannot pay—a sliding fee scale is available. Other community health programs are substance abuse and mental health services, prevention and education activities (diabetes, asthma, nutritional counseling, HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, breast and cervical screening program) and social services. Our goal is to remove barriers that prevent access to care.

InfoLink offers free, confidential, comprehensive information and referral to local and national social service organizations and support groups. InfoLink's expertise provides the link to community resources when help is needed. A friendly, caring professional is available weekdays 1-888-499-2525, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, or our online database www.infolinknh.org can assist anytime.

Senior Transportation Program enables elders and adults with disabilities to remain independent and safe in their own homes by providing access to essential services such as rides to weekly shopping, medical appointments and recreation. This door-to-door service makes transportation available for groceries, the pharmacy, post office or bank and day trips. All buses are handicapped accessible. 659-2424, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. □

Oyster River Youth Association

Rick Szilagyi, Executive Director

The Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) is comprised of residents from the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury working together to create youth recreational opportunities for our children. These residents and the three towns are our customers. They support our efforts through participation fees and funding, and in return we coordinate and manage the delivery of recreational programs.

The central office is housed in the Town of Durham's old public works building located at 11 Schoolhouse Lane in Durham, and we also manage Churchill Rink at Jackson's Landing. A Board of Directors governs the ORYA, which holds monthly meetings open to the public.

Most of the participants (approximately 98%) reside in the Towns of Durham, Lee, and Madbury. A small number comes from neighboring towns, and the out-of-town participants pay a surcharge to participate in ORYA programs. The majority of our programs provide opportunities for children from kindergarten through eighth grade. We recently expanded our programming to reach the pre-school aged children in the community. A small number of our programs are extended to include high school-aged children.

For outdoor activities we generally rely on the use of Town fields such as Woodridge, Lee Town Park, Demerritt Fields, and Madbury Fields. We have also developed a relationship with the University of New Hampshire for the use of Oyster River Park and Memorial Field. An agreement between Flag Hill Winery and the ORYA has led to the development of three soccer fields for our community. Indoor activities are generally held within Oyster River Cooperative School District school buildings, and other local athletic buildings.

The operating costs of programs organized and managed by the ORYA are met through participation fees and by annual contributions from the Towns of Durham,

Lee, and Madbury. Fundraising and donations are part of our capital campaign to improve our facilities.

Early this year the Board of Directors performed a detailed Strengths/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats (SWOT) analysis. This time-consuming endeavor helped the Board to understand its current capabilities, as well as establish short-term and long-term goals. While some short-term goals have already been realized, much time this year was spent bringing ORYA travel soccer and Phantoms travel soccer together into the united program. This has resulted in an increase from eight (8) travel soccer teams, to fourteen (14).

Through the development of strong committees, the ORYA will continue the plan it developed this year. It will also look to improve the physical image of our facilities, continue to build partnerships and relationships with other local entities, grow our volunteer base, expand our programs, and increase our communications. □

Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc.

Robert Marshall, Director of Planning and Program Development

In 2005, Strafford County Community Action Committee, Inc. (SCCAC) appreciated Town support in delivering vital services to low-income and at-risk elderly households:

Goals for 2006:

With an ongoing partnership between the Town and SCCAC, we will continue to provide programs critical to the needs of otherwise vulnerable and unprotected citizens. □

2005 Accomplishments:

Fuel Assistance	13 households
Electric Assistance	20 households
Elderly Transportation	58 rides
Provision of Food via Pantries	6 households
Commodity Food Distribution	320 cases
Self-Sufficiency Case Management	2 families
Housing Search	4 families
Job Search	2 employed
Medicare counseling	18 households
Dental Program	2 patients
Homeless Outreach/Intervention	1 person sheltered
Information and Referral Services	882 units
Value of goods and services provided to Durham citizens	$29,447

Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Cynthia Copeland, AICP, Executive Director

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, serves in an advisory role to its eighteen-member communities located in the northern coastal zone. We provide professional planning services to officials, boards, and citizens to manage growth and facilitate collaborative efforts. Our implementation strategies use sustainable development principles, and our processes incorporate openness and transparency. We plan...to make it happen.

SRPC's professional staff offers a range of planning services in transportation, land use, conservation, natural resources, economic development, downtown revitalization, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping and analysis. These services are available in customized modes to meet the diverse needs of the volunteers who are the foundation of communities. Educational outreach occurs in the form of our website, newsletter, "How To" Guides, Fact Sheets, workshops, forums, and personalized training.

In 2005 SRPC worked on these regional issues: adoption of regional policies and strategies

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on transportation, growth management, land use, and community design; adoption of municipal conservation and cluster development subdivision ordinances; water quantity and quality; wastewater and septage; workforce housing; land conservation; regional transportation long-range plan and state Ten-Year Plan; implementation of a new travel demand model; air quality conformity for new eight hour ozone standards; coordination of transit services between rail and bus; integration of transportation and land use planning through access management; and completion of 135 traffic counts and road inventories for seven communities.

Services provided to all communities for 2005 included: local match to Federal coastal and transportation funds for local and regional planning and construction projects, Census and GIS data and mapping, NH Land Use planning books, websites for SRPC and the Seacoast Metropolitan (Transportation) Planning Organization.

Projects or initiatives conducted for Durham in 2005 include the following:

- Contracted for and administered a comprehensive road inventory of all local and private roads in Town.
- Completed a build-out analysis for the Planning Board in which recent zoning ordinance changes were compared with the results of a 2000 build-out analysis using the prior Zoning Ordinance.
- Prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town Council that has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The plan is pending public hearing and adoption by the Town Council.
- Incorporated the views and thoughts of Town officials and citizens on the Regional Master Plan adopted by SRPC on May 26, 2005.
- Provided written testimony supporting the Route 108 bike shoulder project, and processed requests for expediting the Route 108 bike shoulder project and Route 4/Route 108 improvement projects within the state Ten-Year Plan.
- Responded to resident inquiries for traffic, populations, and housing density information in relation to proposed development.
- Collaborated with the Oyster River Watershed Association and the Lamprey River Watershed Association and Advisory Committee on river and watershed concerns.
- Provided conservation and natural resource maps and data for citizens.
- Updated street names map and produced copies for the Planning Department.
- Updated the 2004 digital tax parcel layer and printed maps.
- Updated child care and assisted housing data and corresponding GIS layers.
- Updated economic indicators data to be used in GIS analyses.
- Updated the Seacoast Transportation Model network.

Further questions or comments can be referred to Cynthia Copeland, AICP, Executive Director at **cjc@strafford.org**. Please visit our website at **www.strafford.org**. We look forward to working with the citizens and officials of Durham in 2006. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for your continuing support of regional planning. □

The foundation is poured and the platforms are in place to begin moving the Dewey Hannah House located on Packers Falls Road. RICHARD LORD PHOTO

Cable Access Television

Peter Brown, Chair

Durham Cable Access Television (DCAT) is a government access Channel (22) available by monthly subscription in the towns of Lee, Durham, and Madbury through COMCAST, a cable television provider.

DCAT provides coverage of Durham Town Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and Oyster River Cooperative School District (ORCSD) School Board meetings. It also broadcasts programming produced by DCAT, the ORCSD, and local residents, as well as additional programs considered interesting to the greater Durham community. DCAT also airs the Community Bulletin Board (CBB), a compilation of upcoming local events, Public Service Announcements, and the weekly Channel 22 program schedule.

2005 Accomplishments:

- New sponsorship/underwriting guidelines to help with production costs.
- Use of the Town list server to promote original programming.
- Community participation in filming the "Durham Day" video.
- Candidates Debate sponsored by Durham businesses and produced by local resident David Langley.
- A significant increase in the amount of original programming from the school district, UNH, and local residents.

Goals for 2006:

- Maintain budget at or below previous years.
- Obtain more sponsors.
- Improve the DCAT website. **http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/COMMUNITY/channel_22/channel_22.html**
- Continue to let Durham residents know of events at UNH that are free and open to the public via the CBB.
- Encourage further community participation in DCAT.

The DCAT Governance Committee establishes policies and guidelines for DCAT. The Committee does not produce programming, per se, but several members have had their own productions aired on Channel 22. The Governance Committee will continue its work to make DCAT a vital part of the community by informing, educating, and entertaining. □

Economic Development Committee

James Campbell, Director of Planning and Community Development

When the Town Council re-established the Economic Development Committee in 2004 it gave the Committee the following tasks that have continued in 2005:

- Develop a marketing plan for the Durham Business Park intended to aggressively seek a buyer for the property for presentation to, and approval by, the Town Council for implementation;
- Review the 1994 Design Guidelines for the Durham Business Park to ensure they accurately reflect present aesthetic considerations for the property and present any changes needed to the Town Council for final incorporation into the document;
- Establish development guidelines for the area around Technology Drive for presentation to, and approval by, the Town Council and determine the cost of extending water and sewer to the properties

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abutting Beech Hill Road along with transforming the roadway to a Class V road, and

- Review the commercial/retail potential for the Town Hall site.

The Durham Business Park discussions have focused on creating a Master Plan for the site. The idea behind a Master Plan is to have all parties agree on how the site will be developed so that when any part of the development goes to the Planning Board for Site Plan approval the Board has an understanding of what the applicant's concept is for a particular design. Receipt of this input from all parties early on will result in a more streamlined application process. In addition, the Economic Development Committee has worked on refining the Design Guidelines and will hopefully have a draft for the Town Council's review in early 2006.

The Committee has also been discussing improvements for the Technology Drive/Beech Hill Road area. At this point the Committee has decided against upgrading Beech Hill Road and is now investigating coming in from the existing Technology Drive. The reason for this is two-fold. First, the neighbors along Beech Hill Road were sent letters discussing the idea of upgrading the road and utilities. Comments and concerns from neighbors were overwhelming and the Committee decided to look at other alternatives. The second reason was the change in the zoning as presented by the Planning Board. The neighbors also attended the Planning Board meetings and hearings on the zoning amendments and the Board decided not to send the revised zoning map to the Town Council with the Beech Hill Road area being Office Research Light Industry (ORLI). The Planning Board decided to make everything north of Beech Hill Road Rural, therefore not allowing the office and research uses.

Toward the end of 2005, the Economic Development Committee decided to form subcommittees to help move the process along and to get the members more involved in the process. The Durham Business Park, Beech Hill Technology Drive, and Town Hall Site subcommittees were formed to carry on the work that has begun. It is our hope that we can pick up momentum and accomplish the tasks set out by the Town Council in a timely fashion. □

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

Jessie McKone, IWMAC member

As a citizen advisory group to the Public Works Department, Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee (IWMAC) members work to bring about waste reduction through various types of community outreach. We have featured sustainable practices in our 2005 "Down To Earth" newsletters in an effort to support healthy community concepts that are practical and "doable". We thank Durham residents for the positive help and feedback they provide.

2005 Accomplishments:

- Recognized a tremendous volunteer effort by Swap Shop volunteers in a "We Love Our Volunteers" party just prior to Valentine's Day for the collective 400-500 volunteer hours donated.
- Recruited additional volunteers to assist the UNH RENU program that collects canned goods and clothing items from students leaving UNH for the summer. Local charities and food pantries were the recipients. They were able to make good use of resources that otherwise would have been discarded.
- Encouraged the ORCSD School Board to establish a policy of buying chlorine-free, recycled paper. The School Board agreed that buying recycled-content paper sets an example of conserving resources and helps complete the loop of recycling.
- Arranged a committee display at the UNH Solarfest in May. Of special interest was the sample rain barrel similar to those that the Public Works Department sold through our spring newsletter (for purposes of conservation and reducing the need for treated water).
- Organized two public information forums highlighting Green Building design principles

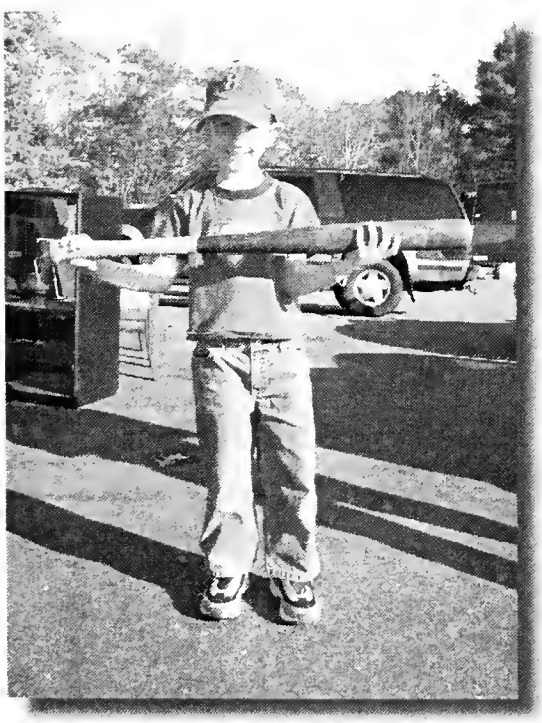
-- processes that contribute to energy efficiency, saving of resources, cost-effectiveness, and healthy environments.

- Met and greeted residents at Durham Day in September to share information about IWMAC's initiatives.
- Reported on meetings of the Great Bay Estuary Commission as they examine options for a regional wastewater treatment system.
- Co-sponsored the annual Coastal Clean Up held locally along College Brook. Members of the UNH community came together to help clean an important water resource.
- Proposed changes to the Durham Solid Waste Ordinance on behalf of the Public Works Department, to help clarify curbside trash weight limits.
- Helped divert tons of waste from the landfill by maintaining the Swap Shop at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Reuse results in savings on tipping fees at the landfill and helps save precious resources. We also shared Swap Shop success stories with Northeast Resource Recovery Association members from around New Hampshire who visited the Durham Transfer Station and Recycling Center in October.
- Published the Spring and Fall *"Down To Earth"* newsletters and posted color versions on the Town website.
- Utilized the Town list server to share hazardous waste tips and other community service announcements.

Goals for 2006:

- Research waste management issues raised by Public Works and the Town Administrator.
- Improve the system for collecting recyclables at public events and in the downtown area.
- Promote the use of Green Building design for future municipal buildings.
- Work with Town committees and UNH toward common goals.
- Continue waste management educational outreach through events, newsletters, the list server and DCAT.

In 2005 we thanked Diana Carroll for her six years of dedicated service to the IWMAC. Diana continues to generously serve the community as a member of the Town Council. Tracy Wood stepped down as Chairwoman of IWMAC after having served two years in that position. Tracy brings professional training, determination, and commitment and we are glad she is continuing on as a regular member. Shelley Mitchell will serve as the new Chair of IWMAC. We also thanked Crescentia True and Amy Cunningham for their participation this year. □



(Below) Merle Craig welcomes community members to the IWMAC's first Green Building Forum at Town Hall in October while Bill Burtis, Doug Bencks and Dale Valena await thier turn at the podium. JESSIE MCKONE PHOTO

(Left) Owen Tonkin, son of Kris and Kevin Tonkin, is delighted with the metal baseball bat he found at the Swop Shop. JESSIE MCKONE PHOTO

Lamprey River Advisory Committee

Judith Spang, Chair

2005 Accomplishments:

Public Information and Education - A web site for the Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) was completed and can be viewed by logging on to: **www/lampreyriver.org.**

A children's book was published entitled: *The Story of Peter Little Bear, A Lamprey River Adventure*, written by the late Lee conservationist David Allan and Leslie Hamilton. The historical fiction book tells of the friendship between two boys, a native American and the son of a Wadleigh Falls mill owner in Lee. The book depicts the early colonial era along the Lamprey River and Great Bay. Distributed throughout the watershed to schools and libraries, the book has received an enthusiastic reception as a tool for informing children of their local history.

The Lamprey River curriculum continues to be used in eight classes in area schools as a way to teach social studies, writing, art, and hands-on science.

Recreational Access - Created a park and trail in Epping. This is the second of four projects to improve public access sites on the river, the first being the park at Wiswall dam in Durham. The LRAC and Epping Conservation Commission created an informational kiosk and riverfront trail at the new Route 87 bridge over the river. Pamphlets guide visitors along marked points of interest on the trail, providing information on the important characteristics of floodplains.

Water Quality Monitoring - Members assisted the Lamprey River Watershed Association in monitoring water quality of the Lamprey, with a new program that now extends from Deerfield to the dam in Newmarket. Water quality remains high thanks to effective land use regulations and land protection. Volunteer monitors are always needed.

Land Conservation - The LRAC and partners completed negotiations on an easement on a 78-acre parcel in Epping with frontage on the Lamprey and North river. The land abuts the previously-conserved Flag Hill Winery property. By matching federal appropriations with funds from towns and conservation organizations, over 1,510 acres and more than seven miles of riverfrontage have been protected by the LRAC.

Residents interested in protecting their riverfront lands are urged to contact the Chair about participating. The LRAC pays for most costs associated with the easements.

Visitors to Durham Day review the informational material desplayed by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee.

Planning - The LRAC members reviewed and commented on Durham's proposed new Shoreland and Wetland ordinances.

A large Epping subdivision proposal with potential impact to the river was also reviewed with suggestions made for reconfiguration to diminish impact on wetlands.

Instream Flow Study - The LRAC is contributing its research and knowledge of the river to the development of this state study. The goal of the study is to determine how to protect the river's flow levels while accommodating public and private water needs. LRAC members serve on the Technical Review Committee and the

Watershed Management Planning Advisory Committee.

Fish Passage at Wiswall - The LRAC continues to play a role in planning for the Wiswall fish passage, including disseminating public information about the project through mailings and public hearings. The Wiswall dam closes off 47 miles of aquatic habitat for migrating fish.

Goals for 2006:

- Address erosion caused by heavy recreational use at Wiswall and Wadleigh Falls.
- Continue with land protection. Four more properties are being worked on; two in Durham, one in Lee, and one in Epping.
- Continue to review projects which have a potential to impact the river.
- Continue to participate in planning for the Wiswall fish ladder and Instream Flow study.
- Working with the Parks and Recreation Committee, plan continued improvements to the Wiswall park.
- In conjunction with the Lamprey River Watershed Association, address watershed-wide water quality issues including storm water management and road runoff.
- Monitor the study on the potential regional wastewater outfall pipe into the Atlantic, which could decrease water flows in all rivers where treatment plants exist, including the Lamprey and Oyster rivers.
- Address the growing water supply issues in Durham and Newmarket.
- Research the history and archeology of the Packers Falls area and work with the Town of Durham to provide for public information about that history.

Members:

DURHAM:
Judith Spang, Chair
Dick Lord
Cynthia Belowski
Jim Hewitt

LEE:
Sharon Meeker
Kitty Miller
Dick Weyrick
Frank Rheinhold
Joe Ford

NEWMARKET:
Fred Pearson
Ellen Snyder

EPPING:
Kevin Martin

AT LARGE:
Brian Giles

Rental Housing Commission

Mark Henderson, Chair

The Rental Housing Commission (RHC) is made up of ten members from various organizations, all of which have an impact on rental housing and its impact on our community. All seats were filled for 2005 and the Commission held official meetings.

2005 Accomplishments:

The Commission has become a very active vehicle for citizens, tenants, landlords, and Town officials to discuss situations, actions, and events pertaining to rental housing that may be detrimental to our community. It meets quarterly with special meetings held if requested by citizens or Town officials. Throughout the year we noticed a very positive trend in tenant and rental housing behavior compared to recent years. A large police presence coupled with a very active involvement from University of New Hampshire officials has helped deter and avoid any of the large disruptive situations we have had in the past years. A very large collaborative effort from many people has helped change the perception, behavior, and attitude of the rental housing industry in Durham. The Durham Landlord's Association has also worked to promote owners take more pride in their properties through care and maintenance programs. Many thanks need to be given to the Durham Police and Fire Departments and to Univeristy's Division of Student and Academic Services for their efforts and accomplishments in 2005.

Goals for 2006:

- Further assist the Town and residents with problematic

Rental Housing Commission, continued

neighborhood rental houses.

- Hold the non-professional and absentee landlords accountable for their tenants.
- Update and publish the "Information Booklet for Owners of Rental Properties" last published in 2000.

Commission Members:

Mark Henderson, Chair/DLA
Brett Mongeon, UNH Off-Campus Housing Office
Paul Berton, DLA
Ken Barrows, UNH/MUB
Rory Sheehan, Student Senate
Perry Bryant, DLA
Rene Kelly, Durham Police
Megan Brady, Tenant/UNH
Mark Morong, Council Representative

American Red Cross

Durham Chapter

Serving Durham and the University of New Hampshire.
For Service or Information Please Call: (603) 868-9692

The American Red Cross in Durham is staffed entirely by volunteers and financed largely by membership contributions. It is the only all-volunteer Red Cross Chapter in New Hampshire.

It's a hometown affair. People in Durham care about their neighbors. Hundreds of men, women, and young people are Durham Red Cross volunteers. Each year, they contribute funds to make the Red Cross services available to residents of Durham and to faculty, staff and students at the University of New Hampshire.

This year, thousands of men, women and children of the Durham-UNH community were served by the Durham Red Cross in addition to the people who were helped by the units of blood donated during the 17 days of Durham Red Cross blood drives.

All who register annually as a financial contributor, volunteer or blood donor are members of the Durham Red Cross chapter.

Leadership Volunteers

Mrs. Nobel K. Peterson, Dr. James P. Barrett, Mrs. Herbert H. Flather, Dr. Paul C. Young, Kenneth R. Dudzik, Dr. Kevin V. Dugas, Kathryn Perry Firczuk, David T. Funk, Col. Calvin Hosmer III, Peter J. Pekins, Ralph Smallidge, Alden L. Winn, Jerilyn B.Young, Col. Richard Erickson, Alexander Amell, Linda Ekdahl, Marcia Erickson, Linda L. Hayden, Gerald J. Needell, Lorrie Pitt, Dr. Amos R. Townsend

Membership

AWARD membership	$100 or more
Development	$25 to $99
Sustaining	$10 to $24
Regular	$1 to $9

Service to military personnel, veterans, and their families is one of the primary responsibilities of the American Red Cross. It includes family counseling, reporting and communications in cooperation with the military services and Veterans Administration, assistance applying for government benefits, referral to other resources and emergency financial assistance. This service also assists with international tracing and emergency communications.

Disaster Services

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. Immediate emergency aid or relief and recovery assistance must be provided for residents threatened or affected by disasters such as fire, flood, or hurricane. The Durham Chapter has a small share in Red Cross efforts to help alleviate suffering around the world.

Blood Services

Whenever a resident of Durham or a student, faculty or staff member of UNH needs blood while anywhere in the USA or Canada and notifies the Durham Red Cross, the blood can be replaced. All hospitals in New Hampshire are provided blood by the American Red Cross. This year, the Durham Red Cross conducted drives on 17 days. This service is successful because generous people contribute funds to their Red Cross chapter, serve as volunteers and give blood.

Nursing and Health Services

Volunteers in nursing and health services assist with Durham Chapter Red Cross Blood Services. Upon request, they assist with blood pressure clinics and AIDS information programs of the UNH Health Services. Volunteers told of Red Cross nursing and health services at community and area health fairs held on the UNH campus. The BAT program and Baby Sitting Course are available to schoolchildren.

Water Safety Services

Service is provided for young people in Durham in cooperation with ORYA, and for UNH students and other adults.

First Aid/CPR/AED Training
Training in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and AED is available for all members of the DurhamUNH community.

Motor Corps Service
Transportation is provided to nearby medical facilities for routine treatment or therapy where there is need.This is the 60th year of service by the Motor Corps.

Equipment Loaned to Convalescents
Wheelchairs, walkers, hospital-type beds, canes, and more are loaned on a first-request basis crutches to residents of Durham, UNH faculty, staff,and students. □

Births

During 2005

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	PARENT'S NAMES
Grace Angelica Nkounkou	January 15	Dover	Duclos Nkounkou & Agnes Kondamambou-Kikouta
Mason Kenneth Furbush	January 23	Dover	Jack & Kathryn Furbush
John Appleton Cloutier	February 05	Portsmouth	John & Sherri Cloutier
Benjamin Cole Pinkham Kelley	February 16	Dover	Richard & Julie Kelley
Riley Elizabeth Pratt	February 25	Portsmouth	Sean Pratt & Stephanie Hurley Pratt
Curtis Steven Leitz	March 01	Portsmouth	Steven & Bethany Leitz
Grace Liping Zhang	March 04	Dover	Xiaohong Zhang & Liping Zheng
Jack Peason Smith	March 14	Dover	Karl Smith & Sarah Titus-Smith
Charles Michael Butler	March 22	Exeter	Timothy & Eleanor Butler
Reed Hayden Larson-Dennen	April 26	Dover	Christopher Dennen & Sarah Larson
Stewart MacDonald Davies	April 28	Dover	John & Laura Davies
Zoe Violet Frances Selig	May 11	Portsmouth	Todd & Loren Selig
Johanna Rachel Asch	May 20	Dover	Alexander Asch & Jennifer Marx Asch
Wylder Everett Tonkin	May 25	Portsmouth	Kevin & Kristine Tonkin
Nikohl Elizabeth Aleman	June 09	Portsmouth	Christopher Aleman & Emily Hart
Olivia Ann Ventura	June 20	Dover	Peter & Lori Ventura
Ian James Caron	June 21	Portsmouth	Christopher Caron & Erin Bobo-Caron
Minka Marijne Holtrop	July 03	Dover	Maurik Holtrop & Adalgisa Barison Holtrop
Amelia Mary Nott	July 29	Dover	Simon & Rachel Nott
James Haven Klaeson	August 06	Portsmouth	Arthur & Charmon Klaeson
Samantha Ann Venuto	August 09	Dover	John-Paul & Sarah Venuto
Ryan Christopher Croasdale	August 19	Exeter	Christopher & Genevieve Croasdale
Stella Maris Baron	August 20	Dover	Michael & Tanya Baron
Emily Elizabeth MacPherson	August 21	Rochester	Andrew & Elizabeth MacPherson
Miles Henry Gans	August 23	Portsmouth	Lawrence Gans & Anne Darragh
Evan Thomas Pitt	August 31	Dover	Robert Pitt, Jr & Kimberly Atwood
Nicole Ann Quimby	September 10	Dover	Howard & Karen Quimby
Jonathan Leo Buteau	September 18	Portsmouth	Gerard & Christina Buteau

Riley Yvonne Righini	October 18	Exeter	Scott & Clare Righini
Meredith McAdam Griffin	October 20	Portsmouth	Robert & Ann Griffin
John Zhang	October 25	Exeter	Hailong Zhang & Fangning Liu
William Bly Blandini	November 06	Dover	Joseph & Amy Blandini
Joanna Yuxin Huang	November 09	Dover	Jinsheng Huang & Zhengyu Zhang
Sneha Brahmaroutu	December 12	Dover	Bhaskara Brahmaroutu & Nivedita Gupta
Andy Jiangnan Zhou	December 13	Exeter	Hui Zhou & Lan Fang Mei

Deaths

During 2005

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
2004				
Mildred Bizzocchi McMahon	December 27	Bridgton, ME	George Colbath	Maude McLucca
2005				
Matthew Krassner	January 01	Dover	Michael Krassner	Anna Katzman
Jeffrey McNally	January 11	Durham	Samuel McNally	Sandra Porter
Minnie Murray	February 08	Lee	Harry Emmerich	Katherine Mahler
John Maziarz	February 25	Durham	Thomas Maziarz	Henrietta Jakubowska
Winton Seymour	March 07	Dover	Herbert Seymour	Emma Wentworth
Phyllis Rochfort	March 09	Dover	Russel Robinson	Thelma Hayes
Stella Arambel	March 09	Exeter	John Paul Arambel	Victoria Telles
Tessie Woods-Snyder	March 10	Portsmouth	Joseph Dillant	Ema Buffum
Charles Bianchi	March 13	Manchester	Ornesto Bianchi	unknown
Paula Oberhauser	March 14	Dover	Hans Neuhauser	Maria Maas
Anne Boy	March 22	Durham	Charles Ferguson	Harriet Rankin
Paul Farrell	April 06	Durham	Wilbur Farrell	Lillian Burns
Alice Kavanaugh	April 10	Durham	Walter Webb	Harriet Haines
Stephen Guillet	April 19	Holderness	Robert Guillet	Norma Cote
John Lockwood	April 24	Lebanon	Harold Lockwood	Elizabeth Van Campen
Louise Wear	April 28	Dover	Arthur Green	Jean Glithero
Charles Leighton	May 16	Exeter	Fred Leighton	Bridget Cawley
Rose Renaud	May 21	Dover	Michael Doherty	Rose Dube
Philip Kincade	May 23	Dover	Frank Kincade	Hazel Deitley
Raymond Vranicar	May 23	Portsmouth	Nicholas Vranicar	Agnes Kambic
Albert Knight	May 25	Dover	William Knight	Williamina Thain
Myra Davis	May 29	Dover	John Davis	Laura Green
Josephine Dee	June 04	Dover	Joseph Woods	Ellen Quinlan
Edwin Larson	June 15	Portsmouth	Frank Larson	Mary Tengstrom
Daniel Jeralds	July 04	Dover	Allen Jeralds	Ethel Raymond

Deaths, continued

DECEDENT'S NAME	DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Rodney Watt	August 04	Dover	Thomas Watt	Mona Bruce
Alden Winn	August 27	Dover	William Winn	Ethel Dore
Kenneth Andrews	September 04	Durham	William Andrews	Myrtle Richmond
Felix Colvin	September 14	Portsmouth	Jewel Colvin	Belle Fuller
Donald Sumner	September 27	Exeter	Reginald Sumner	Marion Drew
Robert Archambeault	October 14	Rochester	Arthur Archambeault	Adrien Landerzille
Elizabeth Smith	November 29	Durham	John Cooke	Martha Burr
Ladislav Kun	December 04	Durham	Laszlo Kun	Gizella Bodo
Sneha Brahmaroutu	December 12	Dover	Bhaskara Brahmaroutu	Nivedita Gupta
Emilie Pontzen	December 22	Durham	Johann Weicker	Emilie Haunstetter

Marriages

During 2005

GROOM'S NAME	GROOM'S RESIDENCE	BRIDE'S NAME	BRIDE'S RESIDENCE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	DATE OF MARRIAGE
Arthur R. Klaeson	Durham	Charmon A. Hastings	Durham	Durham	January 04
Albert B. Gombossy	Durham	Joy A. Bellows	Danvers, MA	Durham	January 14
John A. Eaton	Lee	Kristina D. Richard	Durham	Durham	March 14
Christopher J. MacNeil	Durham	Erica Connor	Durham	New Castle	March 26
John L. Barbour	Durham	Valerie R. Buchanan	Durham	Durham	April 22
Harkirat Singh	Durham	Maninder Kaur	Durham	Durham	May 02
John M. MacDonald	Durham	Husniati Husniati	Dover	Dover	May 05
Jonathan B. Pistey	Durham	Kimberly I.Massaro	Durham	Durham	May 07
Peter F. Cass	Durham	Mara R. Witzling	Durham	Durham	May 08
Christopher R. Quartly		Carolyn A. Rand	Durham	Greenland	May 28
Matthew C. Fleckenstein	Durham	Erin L. Zook	Durham	Durham	June 04
Marc B. Dufresne	Durham	Heather L. Morrill	Northwood	Durham	June 05
Jason B. Hoch	Littleton	Joanna K. Naumes	Durham	Sugar Hill	June 18
Amitava Bhattacharjee	Durham	Melissa D. Deem	Durham	Durham	June 25
Timothy E. Carpenter	Durham	Jenny F. Handel	Durham	Wolfeboro	July 02
Christopher P. Mulligan	Durham	Sarah J. Gnerre	Durham	Portsmouth	July 06
Paul L. Briand	Danvers, MA	Jane A. Murphy	Durham	Rye	July 08
Christopher H. Glidden	Durham	Mary E. Vaughn	Durham	Durham	July 17
Jakub Mocny	Durham	Anna Walczak		Durham	August 05
Shane R. Bradt	Lee	Gabriela Martinez Salgado	Durham	New Castle	August 06
Mark L. Worrall	Exeter	Christine E. Shorey	Durham	Albany	August 12
Anthony S. Martinchick	Durham	Laurie J. Lacroix	Durham	Durham	August 13
Victor J. Stone	Durham	Andrea Riccardi	Durham	Durham	August 13

Robert P. Kokoll	Naples, ME	Caroline H. Wallace	Durham	Durham	August 14
Martin A. Lee	Durham	Nancy J. Lambert	Durham	Durham	August 23
Stephen W. Dayton	Durham	Kim L. Schlessinger	Durham	Durham	August 27
Thomas H. Corrow	Durham	Mary A. Halleck	Durham	Durham	September 03
Joshua R. Jenkins	Durham	Lai-Lai Wong	Durham	Portsmouth	September 08
Russell J. Smith	Durham	Cheryl A. Clancy	Hampton	Rye Beach	September 10
Robert Knoll	Durham	Christi A. Comeau	Laconia	Durham	October 01
Colin C. Baird	Durham	Jennifer S. Haapala	Durham	Durham	October 07
Peter A. Cathey	Durham	Sara B. Smolenack	Durham	Durham	October 15
John D. Swenson	Durham	Christine M. Dempsky	Durham	Dover	October 22
Anthony E. Dow	Durham	Alexa L. Salcito	Durham	Durham	November 04

Resource Information

For 2005

Land Area

(2.2 miles of which is water surface) ..... 25.5 sq. miles
Population (based on 2004 updated census information) 12,904
Incorporated 1732
Durham's Congressional District Number 1

Meeting Dates for Town Boards, Committees & Commissions

(Notices are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall and on the Town's web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.)

Town Council ..... First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Conservation Commission ..... Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Historic District Commission ..... First Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Parks & Recreation Committee ..... Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Planning Board ..... Second & fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment ..... Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

Town Office Functions

Town Office Hours ..... Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Car Registration ..... Registration in month of birth. Renewal stickers and license plates can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for an additional $2.50 per registration

Car Inspection ..... Car must be inspected within ten (10) days of first registration in New Hampshire. After that, inspection is done in the registrant's birth month. Residents may now register cars on-line by logging onto the Town web site at: www.ci.durham.nh.us or www.eb2gov.com

Driver's License ..... Application available at the Dover Point MV Substation.

Dog Registration ..... Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: $6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: $9.00. Senior Citizen: $2.00

Property Taxes ..... Due December 1st.

Water & Sewer Billings ..... Issued every six (6) months.

Resource Information, continued

Voter Registration ..... New voters can register with the Supervisors of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age, residence, and citizenship are required.

Marriage Licenses ..... Available through Town Clerk's Office

Miscellaneous

Public Hearings & Public Forums: Notices for public hearings & public forums are published in the legal notice section of the Foster's Daily Democrat, on the bulletin board outside of Town Hall, and on the Town's web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us.

Solid Waste Transfer Station & Recycling Center: Located on Durham Point Road. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m-3:15 p.m. Landfill Permits may be obtained at the Public Works Department, located at 100 Stone Quary Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 868-1001.

Tax Exemptions: For information regarding elderly, veteran's, blind, solar energy, totally disabled and physically handicapped exemptions, or current use taxation, please contact the Tax Assessor at 868-8065.

Town Tax Rate

(Per $1,000 Assessed Valuation)	$26.19
Town	$ 6.28
School (Local)	$14.96
School (State)	$ 2.82
County	$ 2.13
Net Assessed Valuation	$794,269,754
Percentage of Valuation	88%*

** Estimate of percent of valuation.*

A list of all new property valuations in Durham can be viewed on the Town's web site at:

www.ci.durham.nh.us.

A copy of the listings may also be obtained at the Town Office. Residents may also call the Town Assessor's Office at 868-8064 to request a hard copy, which will be printed and mailed at no cost to taxpayers.

Telephone Directory

Durham Web Site: www.ci.durham.nh.us

Emergency Numbers

Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency ..... 9-1-1 ..... Fire/Police/Rescue Emergency from UNH campus only *9-1-1

Municipal Offices

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EXT.	FAX	E-MAIL
Administration, *15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Todd I. Selig	Town Administrator	868-5571	133	868-5572	tselig@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennie Berry	Admin. Assistant		129		jberry@ci.durham.nh.us
Craig Stevens	DCAT Coordinator		114		cstevens@ci.durham.nh.us
Assessing, *15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Robert Dix	Assessor	868-8065	119	868-8033	rdix@ci.durham.nh.us

NAME	TITLE	PHONE	EXT.	FAX	E-MAIL
Business/Finance, *15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Paul Beaudoin	Business Manager	868-8043	138	868-5572	pbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
Lisa Beaudoin	Administrative Assistant		116		lbeaudoin@ci.durham.nh.us
Gail Jablonski	Fiscal Analyst		115		gjablonski@ci.durham.nh.us
Luke Vincent	Info Technology Manager		132		lvincent@ci.durham.nh.us
Fire Department, *51 College Road Hours: 7:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Peter O'Leary	Fire Chief	868-5531		862-1513	poleary@ci.durham.nh.us
Michael Blake	Assistant Fire Chief				mblake@ci.durham.nh.us
Melissa Perusse	Administrative Assistant				mperusse@ci.durham.nh.us
Planning & Community Development, *15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
James Campbell	Director	868-8064	121	868-8033	jcampbell@ci.durham.nh.us
Karen Edwards	Administrative Assistant		117		kedwards@ci.durham.nh.us
Police Department, *86 Dover Road Hours: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
David Kurz	Police Chief	868-2324		868-8037	dkurz@ci.durham.nh.us
Rene Kelley	Deputy Chief				rkelley@ci.durham.nh.us
Dawn Mitchell	Administrative Assistant				dmitchell@ci.durham.nh.us
Public Works, *100 Stone Quarry Road Hours: 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Mike Lynch	Director	868-5578		868-8063	mlynch@ci.durham.nh.us
David Cedarholm	Town Engineer				dcedarholm@ci.durham.nh.us
Sharice Plitkins	Assistant to Public Works Dir.				splitkins@ci.durham.nh.us
Solid Waste Division, *100 Durham Point Road Hours: 6:30 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Thu*					
Doug Bullen	Opns Director	868-5578	142		dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us
Tax Collector/Town Clerk, *15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Lorrie Pitt	Tn Clerk/Tax Col.	868-5577	135	868-8033	lpitt@ci.durham.nh.us
Barbara Landgraf	Deputy Town Clerk		137		blandgraf@ci.durham.nh.us
Donna Hamel	Assistant to Town Clerk		136		dhamel@ci.durham.nh.us
Wastewater, *Route 4 Hours: 7:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Duane Walker	Superintendent	868-2274		868-5005	dwalker@ci.durham.nh.us
Water Division, *100 Durham Point Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Doug Bullen	Opns Director	868-5578		868-8063	dbullen@ci.durham.nh.us
Zoning & Code Enforcement, *15 Newmarket Road Hours: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mon-Fri*					
Thomas Johnson	Zoning Officer	868-8064	118	868-8033	tjohnson@ci.durham.nh.us

Other Commonly Used Numbers

Oyster River School District

Superintendent of Schools 868-5100
Moharimet Elem School 742-2900
Mast Way Elem School 659-3001
Middle School.....868-2820
High School.....868-2375

Oyster River Youth Association

Office 868-5150
Ice Rink.....868-3907

Durham Post Office 868-2151
Durham Public Library.....868-6699
Historic Museum 868-5436
Durham District Court 868-2323
NH Fish & Game 868-1095

State And U.s. Representatives

Governor

The Honorable John Lynch
Office of the Governor
107 North Main Street, Room 208
Concord, NH 03301
Office: 271-2121
www.state.nh.us

US Senators
Senator John Sununu
One New Hampshire Ave., Suite 120,
Portsmouth, NH 03801
Office:430-9560
mailbox@sununu.senate.gov

Senator Judd Gregg
125 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301
Office: 225-7115
mailbox@gregg.senate.gov

US Representatives

Congressman Jeb Bradley
104 Washington St., Dover, NH 03820
Office: 743-4813

Executive Councilor

Ruth Griffin
Rm 207, State House, Concord, NH 03301
Office: 271-3632 Home: 436-5272

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Rep Marjorie Smith
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Office: 271-3661 Home: 868-7500
marjorie.smith@leg.state.nh.us

Rep. Judith Spang
55 Wiswall Rd., Durham, NH 03824-4420
Office: 271-3570 Home: 659-5936
judith@kestrelnet.net

Rep. Naida Kaen
22 Toon Ln., Lee, NH 03824-6507
Office: 271-3396 Home: 659-2205
naidaKaen@hotmail.com

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64 Adams Pt. Rd., Durham, NH 03824-3406
Office: 271-3403 Home: 868-7030
werous@rcn.com

Rep. Joseph Miller
13 Burnham Ave., Durham, NH 03824-3010
Office: 271-3589 Home: 868-1689
docjoe@localnet.com

Rep. Janet Wall
4 Pudding Hill Rd., Madbury, NH 03820-7001
Office: 271-3184 Home: 749-3051
janet.wall@leg.state.nh.us

Durham's Senate Representative

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8 Burnham Ave., Durham, NH 03824
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iris.estabrook@leg.state.nh.us

Town of **Durham** New Hampshire

Budget & Finance

For the Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2005

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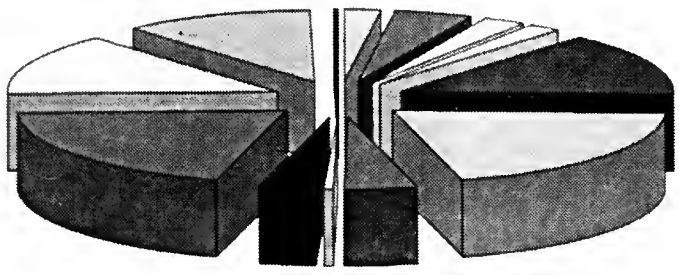
2005 Actual General Fund Expenditures
(unaudited)



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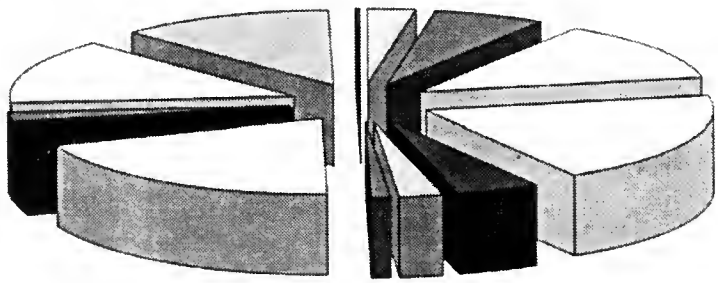

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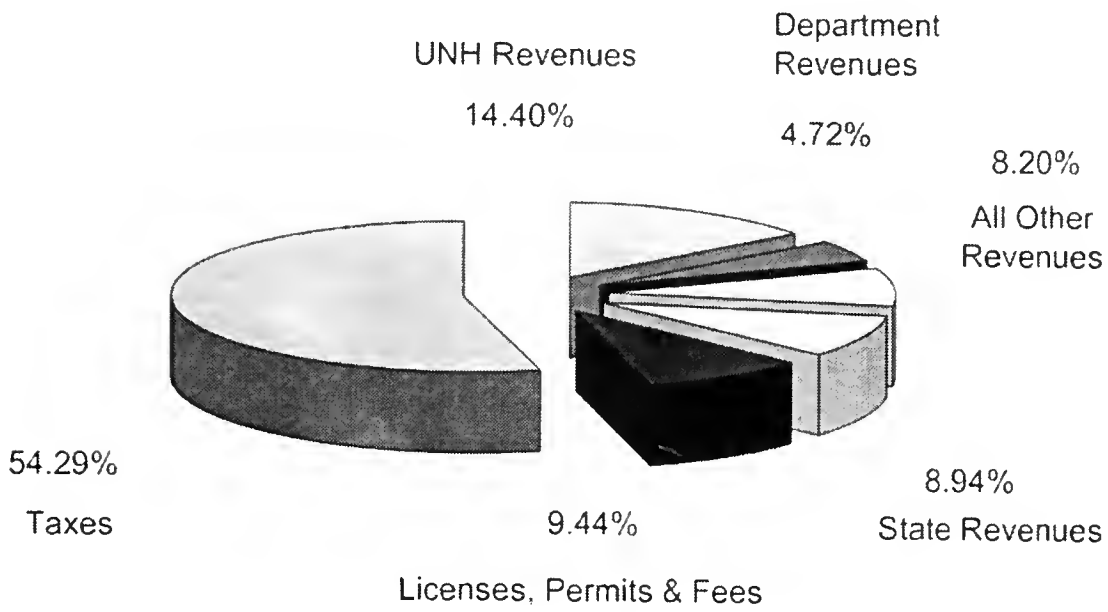

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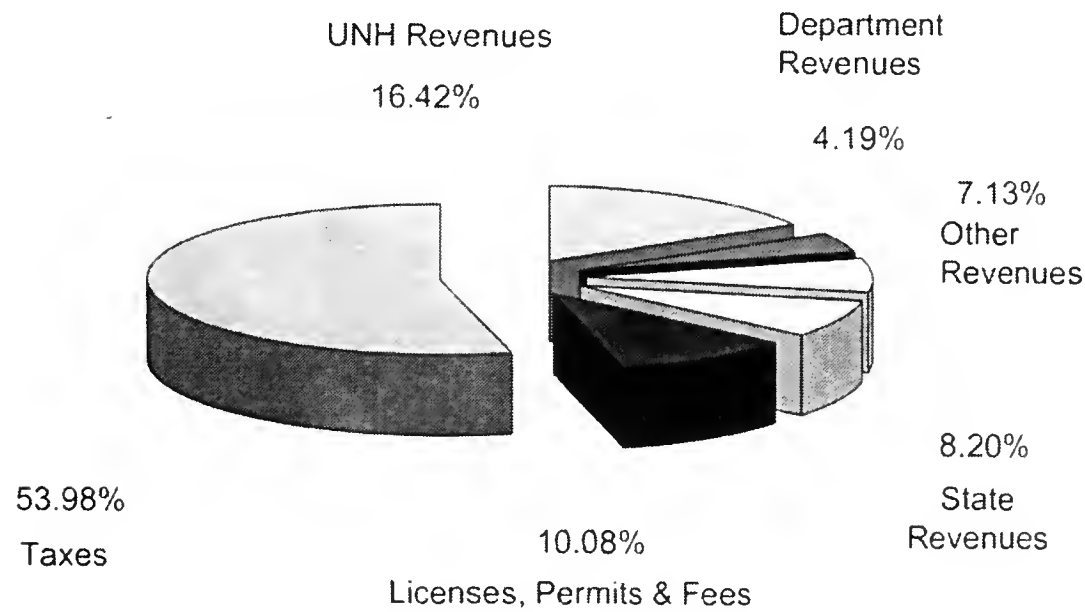

Capital Improvement Program Summary 2006-2015

Project #	Description	Ranking	2006	Ranking	2007	Ranking	2008	Ranking	2009	Ranking	2010	Ranking	2011	Ranking	2012	Ranking	2013	Ranking	2014	Ranking	2015
Library Trustees																					
	New Library	"Until this item is further refined, the Council will retain it as a placeholder only with an amount, cost sharing formula, year of implementation, and scope of work to be determined."																			
Administration																					
	Land Purchase - Off Pendexter Road	1	18,000																		
Planning																					
	Traffic & Transportation Study	1	30,000	1	100,000																
	Main Street Improvements II (Pettee Brook to RR)	2	656,480																		
	Main Street Improvements III (RR to Route 4)			2	491,151																
	Office/Research Light Industry Improvements			3	1,066,697																
	Wagon Hill Parking					1	87,000														
	US 4/Route 108 Interchange											1	150,000								
Recreation																					
	Athletic Fields			1	100,000	1	100,000	1	100,000												
Code Enforcement																					
	Town Hall Stairs Reconstruction			1	20,000																
Police Department																					
	Vehicle Replacement (Purchase 2/Yr)	1	50,000	1	50,000	1	58,000	1	51,000	1	51,000	1	52,000	1	52,000	1	52,000	1	52,000	1	52,000
	Building Needs Assessment & Renovation							2	15,000	2	500,000										
Fire Department																					
	Car 2 Replacement			1	33,665																
	Car 1 Replacement			2	24,800																
	Medic Truck Replacement					2	41,500														
	Engine 2 Replacement									1	365,000										
	Car 3 Replacement									2	28,460										
	Engine 1 Refurbishment											1	45,000								
	Engine 3 Replacement															1	299,000				
Public Works - Operations Division																					
	Road Resurfacing	1	309,812	1	299,705	1	302,843	1	303,633	1	299,062	1	297,480	1	299,113	1	580,331	1	277,327	1	284,840
	Dump Truck 33,400 GVWR Replacement			2	96,300							2	98,000	2	99,000	2	99,000	2	100,000		
	Wetwall Bridge Replacement					2	50,000	2	600,000												
	Sidewalk Reconstruction	2	70,000	3	87,300	3	54,000														
	3/4 Ton Pickup Truck Replacement	3	28,000																		
	Coe Drive Culvert	4	29,000																		
	Snow Blower Replacement							3	90,000												
	Crommets Creek Bridge Repair					4	40,000	4	200,000												
Public Works - Sanitation Division																					
	Incinerator Decommission			1	75,300																
	Staf Sewr Replacement			2	40,000																
	Refuse Collection Vehicle																			1	145,000
	Recycling Collection Vehicle																			2	98,000

Public Works- Buildings & Grounds Division

	1 Ton Dump Truck Replacement	1	43,000																
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			**$1,254,292**		**$2,484,018**		**$733,343**		**$1,338,833**		**$1,243,542**		**$642,480**		**$450,113**		**$1,310,331**		**$429,327**		**$579,840**
	OPERATING BUDGET		$433,812		$365,705		$337,356		$345,849		$350,087		$364,480		$381,113		$812,331		$329,327		$336,840
	BOND/LEASE		$247,000		$2,627,459		$1,857,500		$505,000		$865,000		$91,000		$91,000		$390,000		$82,000		$243,000
	OTHER(UNH/FEDERAL/CAPITAL RESRV/TRADE)		$574,480		$1,558,386		$40,000		$485,000		$28,460		$187,000		$8,000		$8,000		$8,000		$0
			$1,254,292		$4,555,550		$2,034,856		$1,335,849		$1,243,542		$642,480		$450,113		$1,310,331		$429,327		$579,840

Combined Funds Statements

REVENUES	FY2005 Estimated Revenue (Amended)	Unaudited Revenues FY Ending 12/31/2005	Differential Increased (Decreased) Revenue	FY2006 Estimated Revenue
General Fund				
Taxes	$4,940,584	$5,288,739	$348,155	$5,289,581
State Taxes & Shared Revenue	$749,326	$871,359	$122,033	$803,325
UNH - School Allocation, Fire & Debt	$1,473,902	$1,403,068	($70,834)	$1,609,097
Licenses & Permits	$924,500	$919,890	($4,610)	$988,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	$365,642	$358,773	($6,869)	$422,860
Departmental Charges	$466,751	$459,697	($7,054)	$410,627
Fund Balance	$440,000	$440,000	$0	$276,000
Total General Fund	**$9,360,705**	**$9,741,526**	**$380,821**	**$9,799,489**
Water Fund	**$421,547**	**$346,808**	**($74,739)**	**$423,392**
Sewer Fund	**$1,513,905**	**$1,331,558**	**($182,347)**	**$1,580,315**
Parking Fund	**$213,000**	**$160,334**	**($52,666)**	**$191,500**
Capital Fund			**$0**	
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	**$11,509,157**	**$11,580,226**	**$71,069**	**$11,994,696**

EXPENDITURES	FY2005 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2005	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2006 Budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Council	$83,399	$23,130	$60,269	$93,711
Elections & Town Treasurer	$14,037	$10,426	$3,611	$17,183
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	$161,688	$158,730	$2,958	$154,585
Town Administrator	$218,522	$220,079	($1,557)	$230,195
General Government & Computers	$276,989	$201,427	$75,562	$397,174
Finance Office	$240,291	$235,097	$5,194	$249,519
Planning, Zoning & Assessing	$414,591	$397,634	$16,957	$451,093
Other General Government	$9,073	$8,391	$682	$9,556
General Government Total	**$1,418,590**	**$1,254,913**	**$163,677**	**$1,603,016**
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police Department	$1,856,893	$1,814,049	$42,844	$1,907,111
Fire Department	$2,505,800	$2,221,699	$284,101	$2,542,430
Communication Center	$251,522	$251,522	$0	$259,000
Ambulance Services	$34,900	$34,900	$0	$37,725
Public Safety Total	**$4,649,115**	**$4,322,170**	**$326,945**	**$4,746,266**

EXPENDITURES	FY2005 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2005	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2006 Budget
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	$358,067	$324,559	$33,508	$372,248
Buildings & Grounds	$244,983	$222,732	$22,251	$267,880
Equipment Maintenance	$151,965	$166,222	($14,257)	$196,604
Roadway & Drainage	$147,310	$149,037	($1,727)	$173,824
Snow Removal	$143,872	$163,927	($20,055)	$147,349
Traffic Control	$102,178	$104,766	($2,588)	$109,786
Bridges & Dams	$141,740	$126,014	$15,726	$144,068
Public Works Total	**$1,290,115**	**$1,257,257**	**$32,858**	**$1,411,759**
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Administration	$102,635	$110,052	($7,417)	$114,909
Curbside Collection & Litter Removal	$138,390	$167,221	($28,831)	$144,026
Recycling	$107,570	$111,308	($3,738)	$110,223
Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF)	$112,630	$95,212	$17,418	$107,742
Hazardous Waste Day	$3,500	$2,546	$954	$3,500
Rolloff Vehicle Operation	$29,320	$33,079	($3,759)	$28,745
Sanitation Total	**$494,045**	**$519,419**	**-$25,374**	**$509,145**
Public Works & Sanitation Total	**$1,784,160**	**$1,776,676**	**$7,484**	**$1,920,904**
HEALTH & WELFARE				
Health Inspector	$500	$0	$500	$500
Administration & Direct Assistance	$22,065	$22,493	($428)	$22,423
Health & Welfare Total	**$22,565**	**$22,493**	**$72**	**$22,923**
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Public Library	$163,509	$163,509	$0	$189,527
Parks & Recreation Programs	$2,000	$1,801	$199	$3,850
Resident Pool Rebate	$15,100	$15,095	$5	$15,100
Memorial Day	$1,300	$1,502	($202)	$1,500
O.R.Y.A.	$25,838	$25,838	$0	$29,592
Swans	$260	$260	$0	$260
Conservation Commission	$10,000	$11,941	($1,941)	$10,000
Historic District Commission	$4,500	$28	$4,472	$4,000
Historical Association	$3,810	$0	$3,810	$3,810
Durham Day	$2,100	$2,888	($788)	$2,500
Culture & Recreation Total	**$228,417**	**$222,862**	**$5,555**	**$260,139**
DEBT SERVICE				
Long Term	$674,508	$658,183	$16,325	$623,430
Short Term	$185,000	$202,896	($17,896)	$185,000
Interfund Transfers	$398,350	$398,032	$318	$437,812
Debt Service Total	**$1,257,858**	**$1,259,111**	**-$1,253**	**$1,246,242**
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	**$9,360,705**	**$8,858,225**	**$502,480**	**$9,799,490**

EXPENDITURES	FY2005 Council Approved & Amended	Unaudited Expended & Encumbered FY Ending 12/31/2005	Differential (Over) Under Expended	FY2006 Budget
OTHER FUNDS				
Water Fund	$421,547	$376,841	$44,706	$423,392
Sewer Fund	$1,513,905	$1,413,040	$100,865	$1,580,315
Parking Fund	$213,000	$48,947	$164,053	$191,500
Capital Fund	$1,874,550	$2,119,242	($244,692)	$2,000,292
Other Funds Total	**$4,023,002**	**$3,958,070**	**$64,932**	**$4,195,499**
COMBINED TOTALS	$13,383,707	$12,816,295	$567,412	$13,994,989

Independent Auditor's Report

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Town Council
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Durham as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The government-wide statement of net assets does not include any of the Town's capital assets acquired in years prior to 2004 nor the accumulated depreciation on those assets; and the government-wide statement of activities does not include depreciation expense related to those assets. These amounts have not been determined. Therefore, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Durham at December 31, 2004 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Durham, as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2, as of January 1, 2004, the Town has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.*

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Durham's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements take as a whole.

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March 30, 2005

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Town Council
Town of Durham
Durham, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Durham for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities caused by error or fraud, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. We noted no material weaknesses in the Town's accounting systems and records.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the town council, and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

March 30, 2005

Plodzik & Sanderson
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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is intended to be an easily readable analysis of the Town of Durham's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. This analysis focuses on current year activities and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to the financial statements that follow.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 the Town of Durham's net assets are recorded at a negative $2,459,136 due to the change in reporting of fixed assets and infrastructure for the current year and moving forward only, while reporting on all outstanding long-term debt.
- The Town's unreserved, undesignated fund balance for the General Fund at year-end of $1,665,297 reflects an increase of $10,064 compared to the prior fiscal year's end.
- The Sewer Fund's unreserved fund balance at year-end reflects a deficit of $16,411 compared to a surplus of $67,937 at the beginning of the year.
- The Town's long-term obligations saw a net decrease of almost $200,000 during the year due to no additional debt being incurred.

REPORT LAYOUT

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Durham's finances in a manner similar to a private sector business. This report is significantly different from prior years. Besides the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the annual financial report consists of government-wide statements, fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, combining schedules of non-major funds and required supplementary information (RSI). The first several statements are highly condensed and present a government-wide view of the Town's finances. Within this view, all Town operations are categorized and reported by the various funds.

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. The annual financial report also provides for significant major funds financial statements, which provide more detail than the government-wide statements. Where combined information has been presented, later statements will provide combining information. Budgetary information is provided for major funds. The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this report. Finally, there is required supplemental information provided related to the financial activity of the Town. The Town's Audited Annual Financial Report is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 34, 36, 37, and 38 for the first time this year.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

The focus of the Statement of Net Assets is to present all of the Town of Durham's assets and liabilities with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town of Durham is improving or deteriorating. 2004 marks the first time that the Town's financial reports reflect capital assets including infrastructure and long-term liabilities.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The focus of the Statement of Activities is to present the major program costs and match major resources with each. To the extent a program's cost is not recovered by grants and direct charges, it is paid from general taxes and other resources. This Statement summarizes and simplifies the user's analysis to determine the extent to which programs are self-supporting and or subsidized by general revenues. Following the government-wide statements is a section containing fund financial statements. The Town's major funds are presented in their own columns and the remaining funds are combined into a column titled "Other Governmental Funds." For each major fund, a Budgetary Comparison Statement is presented. Readers who wish to obtain information on non-major funds can find it in the Combining Schedules of Non-Major Funds.

Finally, completing the document is the report by the independent auditor, as required by statute which is located at the beginning of this document. The MD&A is intended to explain the significant changes in financial position and differences in operations between the current and prior years. To be an accurate presentation, the prior year would have to be restated to the new reporting format. The Town has chosen to not restate the prior year, as allowed under GASB. Nevertheless, when possible, significant changes from the prior year are explained in the following paragraphs.

TOWN AS A WHOLE

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2004 is the first year that the Town is reporting on governmental activities using the new standard. The Statement of Net Assets reflects changes in net assets during 2004, however since we are not reporting historical assets and infrastructure, the overall Total Net Assets at the end of 2004 shows a deficit. This is due to the fact that all long-term debt is reflected in these statements while the corresponding assets and infrastructure that were added prior to 2004, except work in progress during 2003, are not included. In subsequent years, this statement will eventually show a more accurate picture of the Town's net assets.

A condensed version of the Statement of Net Assets at December 31, 2004 follows.

Town of Durham's Net Assets

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)

	2004	2003	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
Current and other assets	11,527,449	11,827,954	(300,505)	(3)
Capital assets, net	3,691,763	2,121,033	1,570,730	74
Total assets	15,219,212	13,948,987	1,270,225	9
Long-term liabilities outstanding	10,024,120	10,199,199	(175,079)	(2)
Other liabilities	7,654,228	7,367,778	286,450	4
Total liabilities	17,678,348	17,566,977	111,371	1
Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(2,882,346)	(7,400,621)	4,518,275	(61)
Restricted	351,833	347,325	4,508	1
Unrestricted	71,377	3,361,383	(3,290,006)	(98)
Total net assets	(2,459,136)	(3,691,913)	1,232,777	(33)

During fiscal year 2004, the major changes to net assets are the recording and inclusion of infrastructure and long-term debt. An explanation of each follows.

By far the largest change in the 2004 financial reports is the inclusion of general government capital assets and infrastructure (land values, right of way, road and sidewalk improvements, etc.) and long-term debt that heretofore were not previously reported. These additions affect the governmental activities' net assets.

Under GASB 34 for Phase III reporting entities, the Town is not required to inventory and report on historical infrastructure. The Town elected to not undertake the time and cost commitment to "book" these infrastructure items, and, as a result, the Statement of Net Assets will not accurately reflect the Town's net worth for many years to come. For this reason, the Town also elected to not inventory and report on other historical assets such as land, buildings, vehicles, and equipment. Although this decision goes against Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), we believed that the cost verses benefit of researching every Town owned asset and properly reporting them would not bring the reader of these financial statements any additional worthwhile information without full infrastructure reporting as well.

Infrastructure and other improvements total approximately $3.7 million. The non-land portion of improvements will be depreciated moving forward. Long-term debt totaling $10.2 million was previously reported in a separate general long-term debt account group and is now included within the governmental activities. Due to the modified approach of only reporting assets and infrastructure added during 2004 and moving forward, the net value of the assets and liabilities at December 31, 2004 is a negative $2.46 million. In the coming years, the Statement of Net Assets will eventually project a more representative picture for the Town of Durham.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004:

Because this is the first year to report governmental activities on the new standard, comparison to the prior year is not possible. In subsequent years, this section will discuss and analyze significant differences. A summary version of the Statement of Activities follows.

(all figures are in U.S. dollars)	Amount	% of Total
Revenues:		
Program revenues:		
Charges for services	2,198,769	19.3
Operating grants and contributions	2,059,609	18.1
Capital grants and contributions	65,802	0.6
General revenues:		
Taxes	5,217,968	45.7
Licenses and permits	904,203	7.9
Unrestricted grants	837,844	7.4
Interest	92,837	0.8
Miscellaneous	21,216	0.2
Total revenues	11,398,248	100
Program Expenses:		
General government	1,359,176	13.4
Public safety	4,546,490	44.6
Highways and streets	1,286,122	12.7
Sanitation	1,360,655	13.4
Water	243,308	2.4
Health	15,599	0.2
Welfare	6,761	0.1
Culture and recreation	225,564	2.2
Conservation	13,260	0.1
Capital outlay	739,663	7.3
Interest on long-term debt	368,873	3.6
Total governmental activities	10,165,471	100
Change in net assets	1,232,777	
Beginning net assets	(3,691,913)	
Ending net assets	(2,459,136)	

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

With only a couple of exceptions, governmental program expenses remain similar to the prior year. The most significant differences are the inclusion of depreciation on capital assets and the exclusion of principal payments on long-term obligations.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004

There were no changes to the Town Council's approved and adopted budget during 2004.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2004, the Town had invested $3.7 million in capital assets, which represents a net increase (additions, deductions and depreciation) of $1.5 million. As stated previously, these figures do not include historical assets and infrastructure from years prior to 2004. Additional detailed information on Capital Assets is available in the notes to the financial statements.

OUTSTANDING DEBT

As of year-end, the Town had $10 million in debt outstanding compared to $10.2 million last year. The $.2 million decrease is a result of the retirement of long-term debt over additional debt incurred. Additional detailed information on Long-term obligations is available in the notes to the financial statements.

There were no new long-term borrowings during the year, however the Town continued to draw down funds on the existing State of NH Revolving Loan Fund Loan for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Facility. It is anticipated that the Town will issue a new general obligation bond in 2006 that will fund capital projects from 2003 through 2006. Moody's rated our most recent bond issue at Aa3, which was the second highest rating of any entity in the State of NH. For more detailed information on the Town's debt and amortization terms refer to the Notes to the Financial Statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

Property taxes are an important factor in funding Town operations, representing 44.5% of total governmental resources. Inter-governmental revenues from the state and University of New Hampshire (UNH), shared revenues, grants and a new special assessment make up just over 27% of total resources, while charges for services comprise approximately 18%. Licenses, permits and miscellaneous revenues amount to the remaining 10.5%.

With the economy slowly recovering after an extended downturn these sources of revenues appear to be recovering with increases in most categories in the 2 to 5% range. The Town continues to monitor all of its resources and determines the need for program adjustment or fee increases as necessary.

In addition, negotiations are ongoing with UNH for new service agreements that may significantly increase intergovernmental revenues in the coming years.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The 2005 fiscal year General Fund Budget projects a 4% increase in resources and a 5% increase in expenditures, due to salary and benefit cost increases, fully funding the Durham Public Library's operating costs, and additional costs for road improvements. Reductions in spending at Public Works and Sanitation assisted in keeping the increase to 5%. The overall property tax rate impact for 2005, using an estimated $440,000 in fund balance, amounts to a 4.3% increase. With the completion of the Baseline Improvements II project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, we do not expect any large increase in Capital Assets for at least the next few years.

FINANCIAL CONTACT

The Town's financial statements are designed to present users (citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors) with a general overview of the Town 's finances and to demonstrate the Town's accountability. If you have questions about the report or need additional financial information, please contact the Town's Business Manager at 15 Newmarket Road, Durham, NH 03824 or call (603) 868-8043.

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2004

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,486,605
Investments	326,862
Receivables, net:	
Taxes	1,434,799
Other	269,142
Prepaid items	10,041
Capital assets, net of applicable accumulated depreciation:	
Land	269,309
Construction in progress	2,909,740
Land improvements	130,326
Buildings and improvements	21,461
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	360,927
Total assets	15,219,212
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	357,082
Accrued payroll and benefits	121,887
Contracts payable	61,686
Intergovernmental payable	6,136,669
Accrued interest payable	89,442
Retainage payable	268,496
Unearned revenue	19,585
Bond anticipation note payable	599,381
Noncurrent obligations:	
Due in one year:	
Bonds/notes	829,167
Capital leases	72,677
Compensated absences	42,249
Accrued landfill closure and postclosure care costs	80,000
Due in more than one year:	
Bonds/notes	5,390,139
Capital leases	282,126
Compensated absences	380,241
Accrued landfill closure and postclosure care costs	290,000
Other	2,657,521
Total liabilities	17,678,348
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(2,882,346)
Restricted for perpetual care:	
Expendable	23,621
Nonexpendable	328,212
Unrestricted	71,377
Total net assets	$ (2,459,136)

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
Governmental activities:					
General government	$ 1,359,176	$ 64,181	$	$	$ (1,294,995)
Public safety	4,546,490	545,744	1,186,501		(2,814,245)
Highway and streets	1,286,122	173,110	213,568		(899,444)
Sanitation	1,360,655	1,078,645	60,140	65,802	(156,068)
Water distribution and treatment	243,308	336,908			93,600
Health	15,599				(15,599)
Welfare	6,761				(6,761)
Culture and recreation	225,564	181	78,806		(146,577)
Conservation	13,260				(13,260)
Capital outlay	739,663		464,524		(275,139)
Interest on long-term debt	368,873		56,070		(312,803)
Total governmental activities	10,165,471	2,198,769	2,059,609	65,802	(5,841,291)
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property					4,859,464
Other					358,504
Motor vehicle permit fees					890,051
Other licenses, permits and fees					14,152
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					837,844
Interest on investments					92,837
Miscellaneous					21,216
Total general revenues					7,074,068
Change in net assets					1,232,777
Net assets, beginning					(3,691,913)
Net assets, ending					$ (2,459,136)

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2004

	General Fund	Sewer Department Fund	Expendable Trust Fund	Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 6,651,615	$ 33,287	$ 1,670,539	$	$ 1,131,164	$ 9,486,605
Investments					326,862	326,862
Receivables, net:						
Taxes	1,434,799					1,434,799
Accounts	18,870	58,608		10,952	130,839	219,269
Intergovernmental	39,595			10,278		49,873
Interfund receivable	585,606		82,948		143,830	812,384
Prepaid items	7,541				2,500	10,041
Total assets	$ 8,738,026	$ 91,895	$ 1,753,487	$ 21,230	$ 1,735,195	$ 12,339,833
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	$ 227,509	$ 64,275	$	$ 42,339	$ 22,959	$ 357,082
Accrued payroll and benefits	113,139	5,821			2,927	121,887
Contracts payable				61,686		61,686
Intergovernmental payable	6,136,669					6,136,669
Interfund payable	201,778		25,000	573,034	12,572	812,384
Retainage payable				268,496		268,496
Deferred revenue	19,585					19,585
Bond anticipation note payable				599,381		599,381
Total liabilities	6,698,680	70,096	25,000	1,544,936	38,458	8,377,170
Fund balances:						
Reserved for encumbrances	231,199	38,210		27,676	5,800	302,885
Reserved for endowments					328,212	328,212
Reserved for special purposes			1,728,487		23,621	1,752,108
Unreserved:						
Designated for contingency	142,850					142,850
Undesignated, reported in:						
General fund	1,665,297					1,665,297
Special revenue funds		(16,411)			1,339,104	1,322,693
Capital project fund				(1,551,382)		(1,551,382)
Total fund balances	2,039,346	21,799	1,728,487	(1,523,706)	1,696,737	3,962,663
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 8,738,026	$ 91,895	$ 1,753,487	$ 21,230	$ 1,735,195	$ 12,339,833

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Fund Balances to the Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2004

Total fund balances of governmental funds		$ 3,962,663
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Cost	$ 3,704,968	
Less accumulated depreciation	(13,205)	3,691,763
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of net assets.		
Receivables	$ 812,384	
Payables	(812,384)	-0-
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		(89,442)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds and notes	$ 6,219,306	
Capital leases	354,803	
Compensated absences	422,490	
Accrued landfill closure and postclosure care costs	370,000	
Other long-term commitments	2,657,521	(10,024,120)
Total net assets of governmental activities		$ (2,459,136)

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
All Governmental Funds
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	General Fund	Sewer Department Fund	Expendable Trust Fund	Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Taxes	$ 4,804,829	$	$	$	$ 143,830	$ 4,948,659
Licenses and permits	904,203					904,203
Intergovernmental	2,293,983	289,042		464,524		3,047,549
Charges for services	608,635	855,405			491,464	1,955,504
Miscellaneous	69,270	62,684	14,148		126,922	273,024
Total revenues	8,680,920	1,207,131	14,148	464,524	762,216	11,128,939
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	1,307,011				42,690	1,349,701
Public safety	4,518,515					4,518,515
Highways and streets	1,270,521					1,270,521
Sanitation	466,381	823,400				1,289,781
Water distribution and treatment					241,504	241,504
Health	15,599					15,599
Welfare	6,761					6,761
Culture and recreation	42,684				180,459	223,143
Conservation	13,260					13,260
Debt service	719,498	417,268			140,803	1,277,569
Capital outlay				2,054,289		2,054,289
Total expenditures	8,360,230	1,240,668		2,054,289	605,456	12,260,643
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	320,690	(33,537)	14,148	(1,589,765)	156,760	(1,131,704)
Other financing sources (uses):						
Proceeds of general obligation debt				634,191		634,191
Interfund transfers in	177,067		154,413	459,071	95,000	885,551
Interfund transfers out	(532,857)	(68,949)			(283,745)	(885,551)
Total other financing sources and uses	(355,790)	(68,949)	154,413	1,093,262	(188,745)	634,191
Net change in fund balances	(35,100)	(102,486)	168,561	(496,503)	(31,985)	(497,513)
Fund balances, beginning	2,074,446	124,285	1,559,926	(1,027,203)	1,728,722	4,460,176
Fund balances, ending	$ 2,039,346	$ 21,799	$ 1,728,487	$ (1,523,706)	$ 1,696,737	$ 3,962,663

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non GAAP Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Taxes	$ 4,739,325	$ 4,804,829	$ 65,504
Licenses and permits	880,250	904,203	23,953
Intergovernmental	2,221,567	2,137,668	(83,899)
Charges for services	464,763	608,635	143,872
Miscellaneous	56,150	69,270	13,120
Total revenues	8,362,055	8,524,605	162,550
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	1,467,703	1,350,482	117,221
Public safety	4,282,265	4,259,646	22,619
Highways and streets	1,308,177	1,309,422	(1,245)
Sanitation	458,939	466,299	(7,360)
Health	16,859	15,599	1,260
Welfare	2,500	6,761	(4,261)
Culture and recreation	43,386	43,684	(298)
Conservation	10,000	8,510	1,490
Debt service	887,783	719,498	168,285
Total expenditures	8,477,612	8,179,901	297,711
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(115,557)	344,704	460,261
Other financing sources (uses):			
Interfund transfers in	252,557	177,067	(75,490)
Interfund transfers out	(414,000)	(532,857)	(118,857)
Total other financing sources and uses	(161,443)	(355,790)	(194,347)
Net change in fund balance	(277,000)	(11,086)	265,914
Unreserved fund balance, beginning	1,819,233	1,819,233	-0-
Unreserved fund balance, ending	$ 1,542,233	$ 1,808,147	$ 265,914

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non GAAP Budgetary Basis)
Sewer Department Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Revenues:			
Intergovernmental	$ 287,387	$ 289,042	$ 1,655
Charges for services	1,078,684	855,405	(223,279)
Miscellaneous	3,650	62,684	59,034
Total revenues	1,369,721	1,207,131	(162,590)
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Sanitation	818,443	805,262	13,181
Debt service	432,945	417,268	15,677
Total expenditures	1,251,388	1,222,530	28,858
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	118,333	(15,399)	(133,732)
Other financing uses:			
Interfund transfers out	(118,333)	(68,949)	49,384
Net change in fund balance	-0-	(84,348)	(84,348)
Unreserved fund balance, beginning	67,937	67,937	-0-
Unreserved fund balance (deficit), ending	$ 67,937	$ (16,411)	$ (84,348)

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Major General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Encumbrances and Expenditures (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Encumbered From 2003	Appropriations 2004	Expenditures Net of Refunds	Encumbered To 2005	Variance Positive (Negative)
Conservation	4,750	10,000	13,260		1,490
Debt service:					
Principal		516,088	485,756		30,332
Interest		186,695	150,383		36,312
Other charges		185,000	83,359		101,641
Total debt service		887,783	719,498		168,285
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out:					
Expendable trust fund		25,000	144,413		(119,413)
Capital project fund		294,000	293,444		556
Nnonmajor fund:					
Public library		95,000	95,000		
Total other financing uses		414,000	532,857		(118,857)
Total appropriations, expenditures and encumbrances	$ 255,213	$ 8,891,612	$ 8,736,772	$ 231,199	$ 178,854

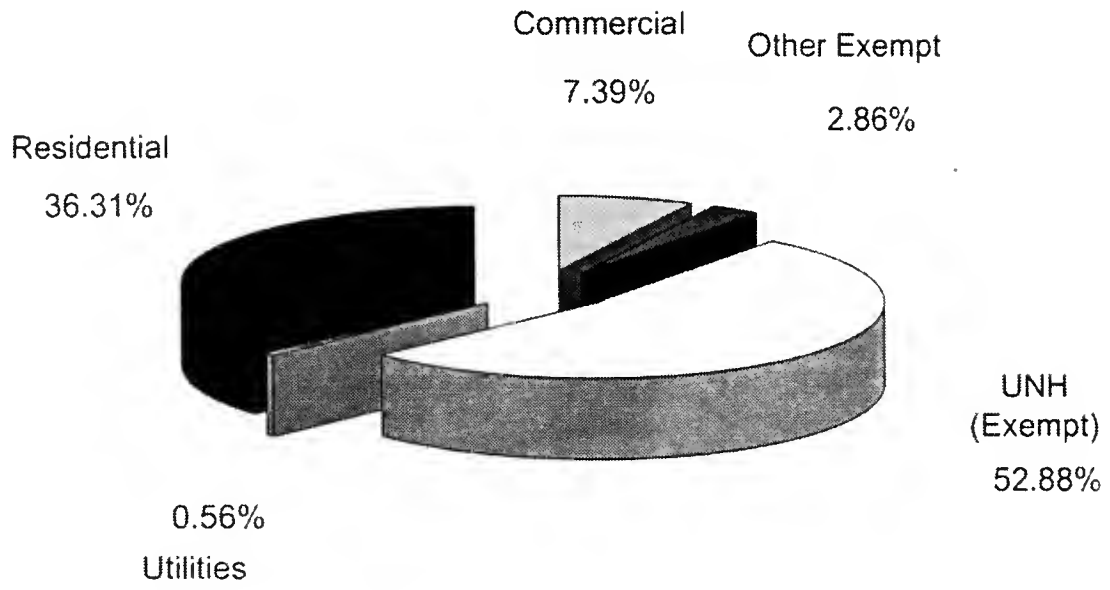
TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Non Major Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2004

	Special Revenue Funds					
	Public Library	Conservation Commission	Parking	Water Department	Permanent Fund	Total
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 361,840	$	$ 2,877	$ 409,189	$ 357,258	$ 1,131,164
Investments		326,862				326,862
Accounts receivable, net				130,839		130,839
Interfund receivable		143,830				143,830
Prepaid items	2,500					2,500
Total assets	$ 364,340	$ 470,692	$ 2,877	$ 540,028	$ 357,258	$ 1,735,195
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	$ 5,869	$	$ 2,532	$ 14,558	$	$ 22,959
Accrued salaries and benefits	1,106		345	1,476		2,927
Interfund payable	7,147				5,425	12,572
Total liabilities	14,122		2,877	16,034	5,425	38,458
Fund balances:						
Reserved for encumbrances				5,800		5,800
Reserved for endowments					328,212	328,212
Reserved for special purposes					23,621	23,621
Unreserved:						
Designated for special purposes	350,218	470,692		518,194		1,339,104
Total fund balances	350,218	470,692		523,994	351,833	1,696,737
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 364,340	$ 470,692	$ 2,877	$ 540,028	$ 357,258	$ 1,735,195

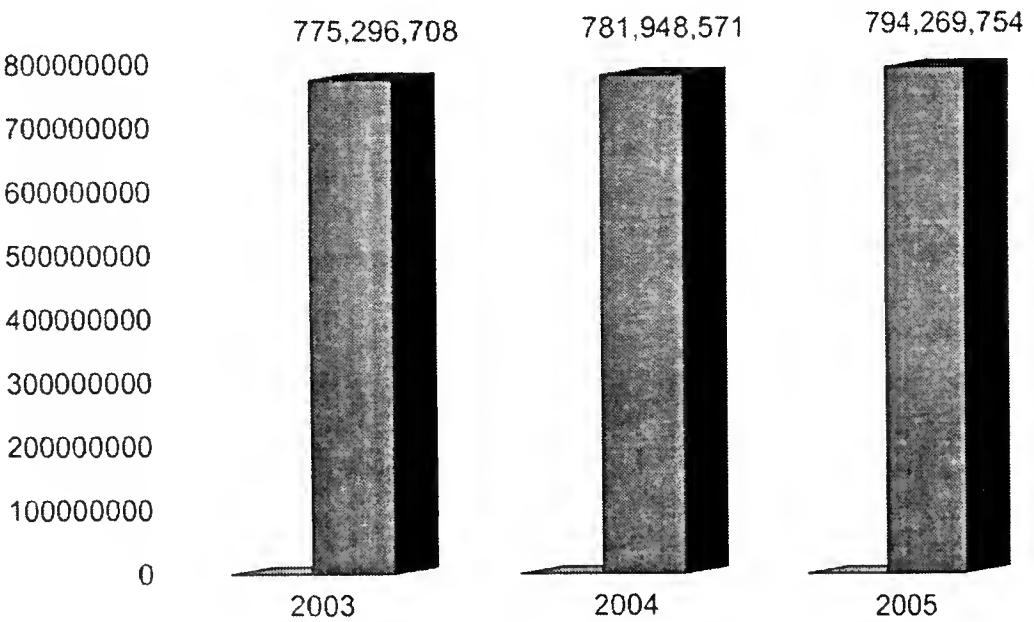
TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, beginning		$ 1,655,233
Changes:		
Unreserved fund balance used to reduce 2004 tax rate		(277,000)
2004 budget summary:		
Revenue surplus	$ 87,060	
Unexpended balance of appropriations	178,854	
2004 budget surplus		265,914
Decrease in fund balance designated for contingency		21,150
Unreserved, undesignated fund balance, ending		$ 1,665,297

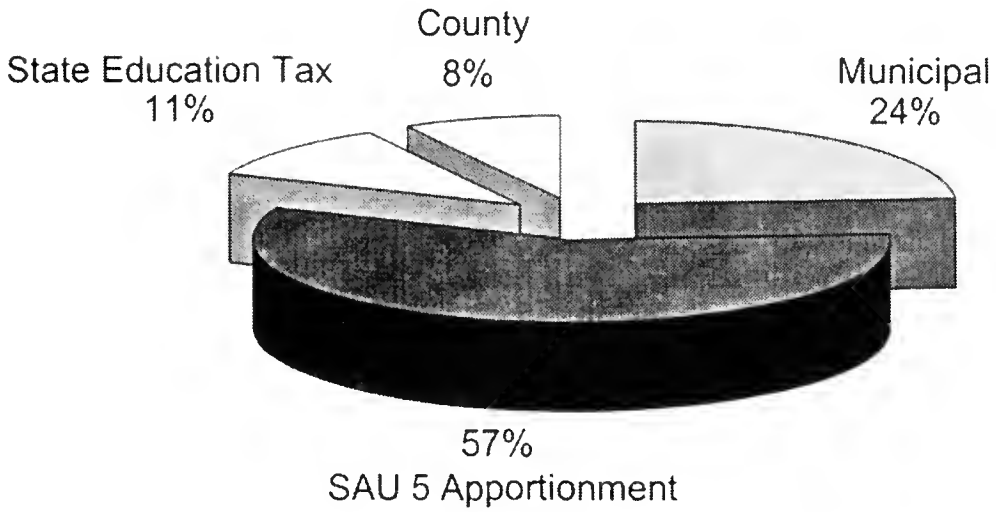
Taxable Valuation Breakdown for 2005



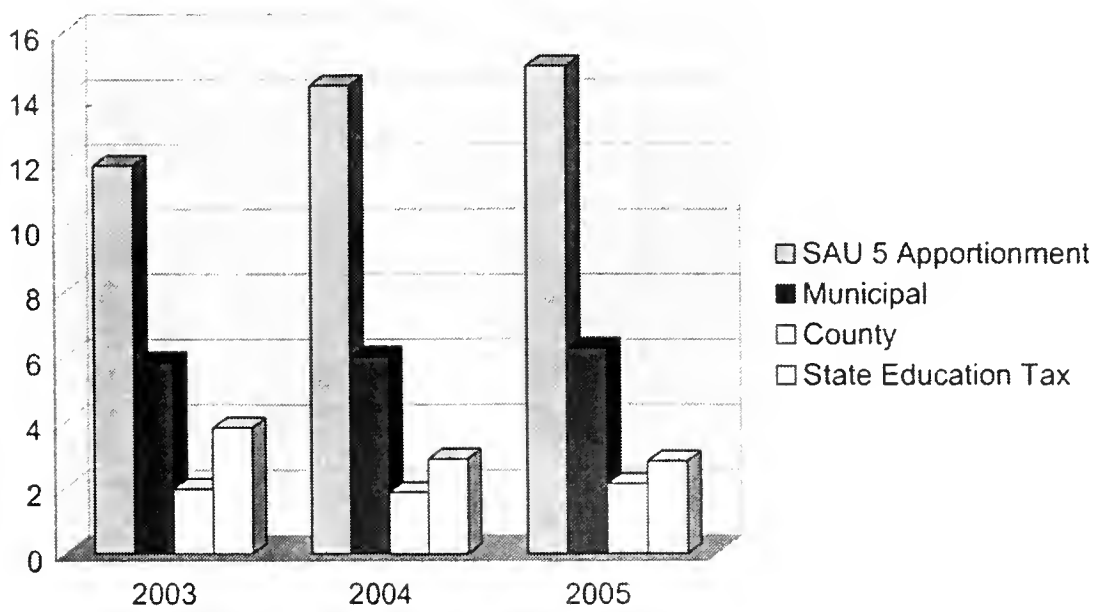
Taxable Valuation 2003-2005



Property Tax Rate Breakdown for 2005



Property Tax Rate Revenue Comparison 2003-2005



Statement of Long-Term Indebtedness

STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS AND PAYMENTS 1-1-05 through 12-31-05

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	INTEREST PAID	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
1997 SRLF- Dechlorination at WWTP	10/20/1997	$259,625	2.61%	12/01/2006	$28,330	$1,495	$29,069
1994 SRLF- WWTP	06/06/1993	$3,366,018	3.91%	12/18/2008	$258,032	$42,756	$836,183
1989 Refinanced in 1997 WHF & Spruce Hole	12/15/1989	$2,305,000	4.25%-4.6	12/15/2009	$185,000	$39,618	$710,000
2002 SRLF - Lamprey River Hard Piping	11/18/2002	$828,554	3.47%	12/01/2016	$47,667	$24,132	$647,272
2002 General Obligation Bond including 2000, 2001 and 2002 Capital Projects and Refunded 1996 and 1999 Bonds	11/05/2002	$3,279,458	3.0%-4.5%	09/01/2019	$270,000	$103,469	$2,405,000
2004 SRLF - Landfill Closure	02/01/2004	$802,756	3.69%	02/01/2024	$40,138	$26,872	$762,618
2004 SRLF - WWTP Improvements	06/01/2004	$3,290,757	3.69%	06/01/2024	$114,134	$94,745	$3,176,623
					$943,301	$333,086	$8,566,765

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Name of Trust Fund	Purpose	Principal Balance 1/1/2005	Change in Funds	Principal Balance 12/31/2005	Income Balance 1/1/2005	Change in Funds	Income Balance 12/31/2005	Combined Fund Balance 12/31/2005
45 Separate Trust Funds		33,951.78	100.00	34,051.78	4,772.92	(343.17)	4,429.75	38,481.53
Smith Chapel	Cemetery Care	8,889.33	50.00	8,939.33	502.55	74.04	576.59	9,515.92
Smith Town Improvements	Town Improve.	6,628.96	0.00	6,628.96	4,750.37	205.19	4,955.56	11,584.52
Durham 250 Fund	Memorial	6,418.22	0.00	6,418.22	4,959.91	205.18	5,165.09	11,583.31
George Frost	Education	4,441.23	0.00	4,441.23	5,192.29	173.72	5,366.01	9,807.24
Olinthus Doe	Farm Care	23,278.17	0.00	23,278.17	3,311.67	332.03	3,643.70	26,921.87
Town Cemetery	Cemetery Care	167,474.73	(2,050.00)	165,424.73	1,449.84	2,998.13	4,447.97	169,872.70
Wilcox Fund	Unfunded Graves	67,558.27	0.00	67,558.27	670.72	1,230.30	1,901.02	69,459.29
Wagon Hill	Memorial	765.38	0.00	765.38	382.63	20.70	403.33	1,168.71
Memorial Day Parade Fund	Parade Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	384.38	6.92	391.30	391.30
Memorial Park	Memorial	8,406.00	0.00	8,406.00	2,667.36	199.67	2,867.03	11,273.03
July Fourth Celebration	Fund Day	3,503.52	0.00	3,503.52	1,767.62	95.04	1,862.66	5,366.18
ORSD/Cap Development Fund	School Exp	40,930.41	0.00	40,930.41	25,437.03	1,196.73	26,633.76	67,564.17
Wagon Hill Expense Trust	Site Care	80,076.53	0.00	80,076.53	20,816.15	1,819.28	22,635.43	102,711.96
Fire Station Exp. Trust	Fire Station	150,000.00	50,000.00	200,000.00	12,720.86	3,259.40	15,980.26	215,980.26
Track Fund Appropriation	School Exp	187,872.65	0.00	187,872.65	4,677.66	3,472.00	8,149.66	196,022.31
Special Education Fund	School Exp	154,246.19	0.46	154,246.65	8,283.40	2,930.69	11,214.09	165,460.74
Fac. Dev. Capital Reserve	School Exp	102,620.99	(14,750.00)	87,870.99	9,067.64	(4,817.05)	4,250.59	92,121.58
High School Scholarship	School Exp	60,999.11	47,265.18	108,264.29	144.94	1,434.27	1,579.21	109,843.50
Town Cemetery Improvements	Cemetery Improve.	400.00	500.00	900.00	2.13	9.87	12.00	912.00
Total of Trust Funds:		1,108,461.47	81,115.64	1,189,577.11	111,962.07	14,502.94	126,465.01	1,316,042.12

Name of Capital Reserve	Principal Balance 1/1/2005	Change in Funds	Principal Balance 12/31/2005	Income Balance 1/1/2005	Change in Funds	Income Balance 12/31/2005	Combined Fund Balance 12/31/2005
Parking	27,500.00	0.00	27,500.00	25,082.67	948.16	26,030.83	53,530.83
Fire Equipment and Service	103,652.71	32,947.81	136,600.52	19,724.94	2,987.16	22,712.10	159,312.62
Community Development Fund	218,810.36	0.00	218,810.36	159,144.91	6,815.17	165,960.08	384,770.44
Reserve Water	346,581.40	0.00	346,581.40	89,619.45	7,865.41	97,484.86	444,066.26
Sewer Fund	349,817.83	(250,000.00)	99,817.83	61,720.35	6,679.98	68,400.33	168,218.16
Total of Capital Reserve	1,046,362.30	(217,052.19)	829,310.11	355,292.32	25,295.88	380,588.20	1,209,898.31

Valuation, Tax History and Inventory

Valuation Figures

2001-2005

YEAR	PERCENT OF VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
2005	*88%	794,269,754
2004	95%	$781,948,571
2003	99%	$775,296,708
2002	57%	$388,298,739
2001	60%	$369,827,888

**estimate of percent of valuation*

MS-1 Summary 2005

Total Taxable Land	$252,423,644
Total Taxable Buildings	$533,383,100
Total Taxable Public Utilities	$ 10,105,600
Valuation Before Exemptions	$795,922,344
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	$ 1,652,590
Net Valuation on which local tax rate is computed	$794,269,754
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	$ 36,000

Tax Rate in Durham 2001 - 2005

YEAR	TOWN	LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	STATE SCHOOL	COUNTY	TOTAL
2005	$ 6.28	$14.96	$ 2.82	$ 2.13	$26.19
2004	6.02	14.36	2.89	1.87	25.14
2003	5.85	11.91	3.84	1.97	23.57
2002	11.35	19.27	7.69	3.17	41.48
2001	11.14	19.54	8.43	3.22	42.33

Inventory of Town Property

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Bagdad Road	Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary	03-02-06 & 14	$ 8,700
Beech Hill Road	Water Tank Site	09-26-00 (99-300-0)	213,400
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	270,600
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easements only
Dame Road	Willey Property	19-06-05	18,800
Dame Road	Westerly side	18-27-00	63,400
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Depot Road	Former Commercial Property	1-1 & 1-1-1	798,900
Dover Road	Police Facility	11-4-1	638,000
Dover Road	Sewer Pumping Station	11-11-00	194,100
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	389,600
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	11-36-02	162,000
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	16-03-02	11,400
Durham Point Road (and Sunnyside Dr.)	Scenic Easements	15-15-08	Easements only
Fogg Drive	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	158,700
Foss Farm Road	Water Standpipe	99-300-00	1,020,000
Foss Farm Road	Woodlot	06-01-13A	2,700
Ffrost Drive	Vacant Land	8-1-73 & 75	100,000
Littlehale Road/US4	Vacant lot	10-21-00	9,900
Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	64,300
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	169,700

Main Street	Grange Hall/Davis Memorial Building	05-01-05	446,300
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	14,700
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	140,200
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	57,500
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-05	43,300
Mill Road & Main St.	Strip of Park Land at Shopping Center		Easement only
Newmarket Road	District Court and Museum	05-04-12	395,000
Newmarket Road	Easterly side	06-12-14	5,000
Newmarket Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	11,900
Newmarket Road	Town Offices	05-04-11	276,900
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	140,000
Main Street	Cemetery:	09-24-00	106,700
Old Concord Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	297,000
Old Landing Road	Town Landing	05-05-14 (Incl 5-5-13)	154,600
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	162,900
Orchard Drive	Scenic easements	6-2-22...6-2-25	Easements only
Oyster River	Access easement		Easement only
Oyster River Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	100,000
Packers Falls Road	Lord Property	17-55-01	64,800
Packers Falls Road	Spruce Hole Conservation Area	13-13-05	26,800
Packers Falls Road	Abutting Spruce Hole	13-13-01	416 CU*
Pettee Brook Lane	Town Parking Lot - Multiple Parcels	2-15-0, 1	481,800
Piscataqua Road	Thatch Bed	11-31-31	151,700
Piscataqua Road	Wagon Hill Farm	12-08 - 01 & 02	590,520 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-04 (Incl. 11-11-3)	921,200
Piscataqua Road	W. Arthur Grant Circle	11-27-0	464,000
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09-02	105,700
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	6,856,300
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot - Part of Treatment Plant	11-09-05	Included above
Schoolhouse Lane	Former Highway Garage-Multiple Parcels	05-04-10	443,100
Schoolhouse Lane	Cemetery (owned by heirs, town maintained)	05-05-12	79,600
Simons Lane	Two small lots	18-11 - 13 & 14	21,000
Simons Lane	Vacant Land	18-11-06	51,700
Stone Quarry Drive	Public Works Site	11-12-0	766,700
Technology Drive	Water Booster Station	99-300-00	90,000
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	45,700
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam Site	17-7-0	111,400
Wiswall Road	Vacant Land	17-11-00	972 CU*
Woodridge Road	Lot 55	07-01-55	85,600
Lee Five Corners, Lee	Vacant	Lee 6-7-0700	73,400
Garrity Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 9-03-00	2,045
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 15-1-0900	254,109
Snell Road, Lee	Water Pump House	Lee 5-6-0100	178,300
Snell Road, Lee	Vacant	Lee 5-6	230,100
Garrity Road, Lee	Vacant	Lee 9-3-0100	93,200
Total			

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